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—B. J. Mead is here from Pawpaw.

—C. F. Furley is in Sublette today.

—Rucker Lodge, No. 493, I. O. O. F meets tonight.

—Minnie Belle Rebecca Lodge meets tomorrow night.

—Harrison Miller and wife of Comton are at the Keystone.

—C. H. Powell of Swift & Co., Chicago, was here on business.

—Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rosenthal have returned to Chicago to live.

—Edward Davidson of East Fourth is being visited by Pawpaw friends.

—Miss Gracia Rogers has gone to Chicago to renew her musical studies.

—A. A. Diamond came home yesterday from a trip to Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

—The Dixon Club will give an informal hop at the club rooms tomorrow evening.

—I Will Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., will hold a specially interesting session this evening.

—Dr. B. D. Vaughn has telephone No. 156 on the county line at his residence in North Dixon.

—The Thursday Reading Circle will meet tomorrow with Mrs. Chas. Winebrenner on Crawford avenue.

—One week from this evening at the opera house will take place the concert and masquerade ball by the Dixon Band.

—We learn that Mrs. Henry Hazenplug is very dangerously ill at her home in Chicago. Former neighbors here will regret this.

—A. M. Seavy of Palmyra has received news of the death of a relative in Chicago. The funeral will take place Thursday at Aurora.

—Mrs. E. C. Parsons will tomorrow afternoon entertain young ladies with cards in honor of Miss Madge Jenkins, who is a visitor from Chicago.

—A sign in a certain restaurant reads: "Try our corned beef; it's bully." That man was not only original, but perhaps truthful.—Mt. Carroll Democrat.

—The Woman's Relief Corps, whose elegant repasts have become proverbial, will furnish meals for those in attendance at the coming Lee County Farmers' Institute.

—The local ice dealers, Messrs. Nicholas Plein, Jos. Clears, Geo. Deland and The Dixon Ice Co., are today busily engaged cleaning the snow from the ice, preparitory to cutting.

—The oldest bank note in existence is in the British museum. It was printed in China in 1368, ninety-two years before the birth of Gutenberg, the reputed inventor of printing.

—Edward P. Maxwell arrived home yesterday afternoon with the remains of his father from Elgin. The sons of deceased in Nebraska have been notified and Albert and George will arrive tomorrow.

—John Himes of Ottumwa, Iowa, is here on a visit with his brother-in-law, Comrade William Coffey. Mr. Himes left Dixon for the west thirty-seven years ago and has only been back once before this.

—Rev. Cessna will preach tonight at the special meeting in the Methodist church and the preliminary meeting will be in charge of the business men and the official board and will be led by Prof. Rice.

—George Harms came to town this morning via GapGrove and the Prairieville road hoping that a track was broken, but he was the first and when he reached here he was being trailed by a dozen teams.

—The funeral over the remains of the child of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sarver was held this afternoon at Dunker church on the Franklin Grove road. The storm of yesterday forced a postponement until today.

—The Freeport minstrel company came down this afternoon on a special train of engine, baggage car and three coaches. There are 65 people in the company annd they have a score or more of friends with them.

—The name of B. T. Page of 50 West Fellows street is suggested by his neighbors for the office of alderman from the Fourth Ward. If he will consent to run his following would be large and strong enough to make it lively at the election for all opponents.

—W. H. McClure, district superintendent for the Illinois Children's Home society, made a short call today on his way home from Franklin Grove, where he presented his work last Sunday. He reports about 60 children on hand now and waiting for homes. Who will take one?

NOW THE BOOKS BALANCE.

Arvine S. Hyde Returns and Explains Some Discrepancies—Reduces the Shortage.

The ex-secretary of the Dixon Loan and Building Association has been at work on the books with E. O. Walgren, one of the examining board, and will make public a final statement as soon as it is completed as to just the amount of shortage charged to him. Mr. Hyde has reduced the amount against him, which at the present writing is supposed to be correct, $393.77, leaving the shortage $13,705.87. After a careful examination of the books and receipts it was found that the state auditor, Mr. Dunlap, did not give the late secretary credit for one month's salary, office rent, etc.; and then it was shown that parties whose pass books were not in had claimed payments that they had not made and these were charged to the ex-secretary and swelled his deficit somewhat more than it really was. We understand that Mr. Hyde's bondsmen, Messrs. Farrand, Morrison and Stainbrook, will accept the statement above referred to and not make a legal contest; but this we give only as a rumor.

Mr. Hyde has given up to his bondsmen all his available property, including the house where he now resides, a deed of which has been recorded to R. S. Farrand.

As THE TELEGRAPH stated heretofore would probably be the course pursued by the authorities, the grand jury of the present term of court will be recalled and indictment found against the ex-secretary of the Dixon Loan and Building Association for embezzlement, a sentence will follow and justice thus satisfied in a manner about as expeditious as we often see it in Lee county.

The best friends of Mr. Hyde, neighbors, who have a deep and laudable sympathy with his most estimable wife and family, have made no effort to excuse or condone the act or even lighten his punishment, but have advised him to submit to the rigid course of the law, as he has done of late quite gracefully.

Obituary of A. S. Maxwell.

Alonzo S. Mexwell, whose death we mentioned yesterday, was born at Spring Mills, N. Y., April 24, 1831. When but two years of age he was left an orphan by the death of both parents and was taken by an uncle to Brattleboro, Vt., in whose family he was brought up. Here he received his education and remained until 15 years of age. He came west to Chicago in 1846, and shortly afterward to Dixon, where he became one of our earliest and most successful contractors and builders. May 11, 1855, he was married to Miss Isabelle Means. Since 1886 Mr. Maxwell has been an almost constant and severe sufferer from chronic rheumatism. While at home, and before his affliction, his home life was of the pleasantest kind, and he thoroughly appreciated the ministrations of a faithful wife and the affections of a model family of children. Mr. Maxwell was of a naturally happy disposition; friendly with everyone and courteous to all, he was highly respected in the circles in which he moved. While there seemed scarcely any hope of his recovery, his death at last was quite unexpected by his friends. He leaves a wife, four sons and two daughters: Albert, George and Fred of Beatrice, Nebraska, and Edwin P., Cora I. and Jennie S. of Dixon. The funeral services will be held at the family residence No. 153 Second street, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The case of Wasson and Little is being tried before Judge Baume today. The evidence is all in and the attorneys have argued the case to the jury who retired to consider the verdict. The following were the proceedings:

CRIMINAL.

People vs John Miller and Kate Miller. Inducing a witness to secrete himself. Defendants appear in person, waive trial by jury and plead guilty upon arraignment. Each of them is adjudged to pay a fine of $20 and costs of prosecution and to stand committed until such fines and costs are paid.

COMMON LAW.

Wasson vs Badger et al. Trial proceeds. Jury retire to consider their verdict.

CHANCERY.

Pierce vs Barnes. Defendant asks leave to file additional pleas.

—Y. M. C. A. Secretary H. L. Sawyer has been sent to Mendota tempororily by the state board for the purpose if possible to keep united the organization there that was without a secretary and thought of disbanding.

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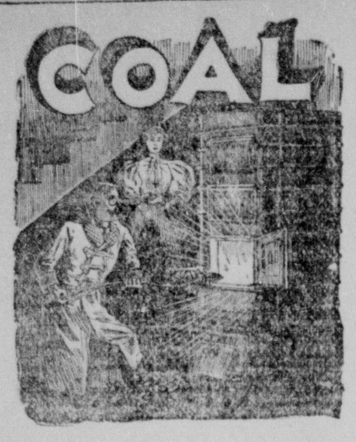
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ALLISON AND TELLER

Do the Most Talking in the Senate About the Silver Dollar Resolution.

COLORADO MAN VERY IRASCIBLE,

But Is Willing to Have the Evidence Thereof Stricken from the Record—Debate on the Free Silver Idea Quite Lively—Ends with Vest Sparring for Wind, as It Were—House Pretends to Discuss the Indian Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Yesterday's session of the senate was characterized by a heated—almost acrimonious—discussion of the financial question. For nearly four hours the Teller resolution was under consideration, the principal speeches being made by Allison, Berry of Arkansas, and Hoar. The sharpest colloquy was at times indulged in between the advocates and the opponents of the resolution, the debate often approaching bitterness. The feature of the discussion was a speech delivered by Teller, the author of the resolution, his statements calling out a suggestion from Hoar that he (Teller) ought to have them stricken from the record. In response to an inquiry by Spooner, Vest admitted that he thought the system of coinage referred to in the resolution meant the free and unlimited coinage of silver, that admission apparently giving satisfaction to the opponents of the measure.

Allison Runs Afoul of Tillman.

In the debate on the Teller resolution Allison was the first speaker. Tillman asked Allison whether he would say in terms that the bond obligations of the government were payable in silver. In reply Allison quoted the law, that the bonds were payable in "coin;" but that was not satisfactory to Tillman, who insisted upon an answer yes or no. Allison declined to have words put into his mouth. In response to a question of Teller, Allison said he thought it would be proper for the secretary of the treasury to pay the obligations of the government in either silver or gold, "but," declared Allison, "the secretary of the treasury, if he is an honest man, in reaching his decision as to action upon that point, must take into consideration existing conditions, one of which is that this government is pledged to maintain the gold and silver currency of the country at a parity."

Vote of Allison Twenty Years Ago.

That represents Allison's position on the question. Berry of Arkansas, in an extended speech, declared the pending resolution was precisely the same as that for which Allison voted twenty years ago. If it was not a violation of public faith then, he maintained it could not be such now. One of the reasons why Berry was desirous of the passage of the resolution was that it would disprove the charge brought in 1896 that the Democratic party was composed of repudiationists and dishonorable men.

Aldrich inquired whether, in view of the fall in the price of silver, Berry believed the government ought to take advantage of its creditors and pay them in the cheaper metal.

Berry replied that he was as much in favor of maintaining the honor of the country as the senator from Rhode Island, but he held that the bondholders ought to be willing to live up to their contract and accept "coin" in payment.

Berry Denies Any "Understanding."

Lodge said that it was well understood that the bond purchases were to be paid in gold as they paid gold for the bonds, and he quoted from a speech of Teller showing that he (Teller) had the same idea. Berry denied that there was such understanding and he would defy anybody to establish as a fact that there was such.

In the course of his remarks Berry said that the country had before it the spectacle of a secretary of the treasury who wanted to redeem silver dollars in gold and firmly to fasten the gold standard upon the country, yet the president had not the nerve "to kick him out of the cabinet."

TELLER TAKES UP THE QUESTION.

Author of the Resolution Gets Rather Wrathy at His Opponents.

Teller took the floor and declared the resolution was a question of law and was met at once by Hoar, who dissented from the proposition and urged that it had come now to a question of honor. "This is not a question of law," said he. "It is the question of the violation of the public faith. Shylock had the law on his side for a good while, but nobody supposed that Shylock, without derogation of the rights of Antonio, could take the pound of flesh."

Teller contended that he had quite as much regard for the national honor as had other members of the senate. "I am getting tired," shouted he, "of the position assumed by certain senators here because they live in the eastern part of the country. They are no more honest; they are no more strenuous in upholding the public honor than I am.

"I want to say here and now that I believe in paying the debts of the government in silver even if that is the cheaper metal. The government has the right to the difference, according to its contract. The silver dollar which the gentleman from Iowa says is as good as the gold dollar is paid to the mechanic, the artisan and the laborer in liquidation of obligations incurred with them, and I hold that the bond purchaser is no better than the man with the blistered hand, and ought to be paid in the same money. The secretary of the treasury is now bound by law to regard the interests of the people, but that department has been making law to suit itself for twenty years."

Fairbanks arose and endeavored to propound a question to Teller. "Sit down," cried the Colorado senator. "I've been badgered enough."

Hoar replied to Teller in a speech in which he deplored the "remarkable effort" of the Colorado senator. He contended that the question was not one of legal power, but of honor and good faith. He would not say that the senator from Colorado had "squirmed" out of he question, nor would he order him "to sit down" as he had ordered the senator from Indiana.

Teller—"I will strike that out of my speech."

"If I were the senator," said Hoar, "I would have the entire speech stricken from the record."

Hale declared that the debate during the day had settled the fact that it was the desire of the advocates of the resolution to bring the country to a silver basis, and to make the payment of all debts, public and private, in silver, which was now worth less than half what gold is worth. He was willing, he said, to have the people of the country pass upon that proposition.

Vest insisted that the Maine senator's remarks had placed the advocates of the resolution in a false light. "We are not monometallists," said he, "but bimetallists."

Allison asked Vest whether he thought the Bland-Allison act in substantial compliance with he concurrent resolution of twenty years ago.

"This is no financial kindergarten," said Vest. "The senator from Iowa ought to know what the Allison-Bland act meant, because he framed it himself."

"I want it understood," declared Allison, "that the resolution of 1878 did not mean free coinage of silver, as the senators from Colorado and Missouri have both said that this resolution means. I want an answer to my question, and if it requires a financial kindergarten to obtain an answer I would like to have the senator from Missouri open such a school now."

Vest did not deem it necessary, he said, to extend the colloquy further at so late an hour.

Under the parliamentary fiction of discussing the Indian appropriation bill the house devoted almost the entire day to a political debate in which the main question was whether prosperity had come to the country as a result of the advent of the present administration. As the speeches were limited to five minutes each many members participated and partisan spirit kept the interest keyed up to a high pitch. The acrimony which usually characterizes such debates was almost entirely absent, but although good-natured some hard knocks were given and received. Smith, the delegate from Arizona, made an attack on the system of educating the Indians and Walker moved to strike out the appropriation for the Carlisle school. No vote was taken on the motion.

NEWS FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL.

Lee Describes Things at Havana as Very Peaceful and Lovely.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The second telegram from Consul General Lee received at the state department yesterday came at 2 o'clock and was carried by Assistant Secretary Day over to the White House for the information of the president. In this telegram General Lee said that the Maine had arrived at 11 a. m. and had been received with every courtesy. The commanders of the German and Spanish ships of war in the harbor had called upon the commander of the Maine, who had returned their calls; the Spanish forts had fired salutes, and all the ceremonies called for by naval etiquette had been observed. In addition the consul general stated that everything was tranquil in Havana.

The department officials have heard nothing officially of any trouble or misunderstanding between Consul General Lee and Secretary General Congosto and attach little importance to the rumors to that effect; in fact a press telegram from Havana gives an official denial. It is said at the navy department that as matters stand there is no call for further instructions at present to Captain Sigsbee, who is permitted to use his own discretion in dealing with the events of the day, although he has been enjoined to consult freely with Consul General Lee and was also minutely instructed before he arrived at Havana as to the wishes of the secretary of the navy.

The Spanish minster, Senor Dupuy de Lome, has little to say as to the Cuban status. He expresses much satisfaction with the present condition of affairs, all his advices indicating quiet at Havana and a hopeful outlook. The minister received a long letter from Secretary General Congosto. Referring to the recent riots Dr. Congosto states that they were made up largely of boys who were induced by a few pennies to enter upon what they regarded as a harmless and rather amusing diversion. The minister continues to look at the sending of the Maine to Havana as a friendly measure, wholly without significance as to the general condition of affairs. It is pointed out by Senor De Lome that the absence of General Blanco from Havana shows conclusively that no disturbance was apprehended and that this period of entire quiet was regarded as opportune for the return to the custom of having our ships in Cuban waters.

Lodge's Amendment to Teller's Resolve.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The following is the text of an amendment to the Teller silver resolution offered by Lodge: "That all the bonds of the United States, issued or authorized to be issued under said acts of congress, are payable, principal and interest, in gold coin or its equivalent, and that any other payment without the consent of the creditor would be in violation of the public faith and in derogation of his rights."

HE HAS THE NAME OF CORBETT.

Now if He Can Obtain Bob's Name He May Pull Off a Fight.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—James J. Corbett last night signed articles calling for a fight with Robert Fitzsimmons, which George Considine, of Detroit, is confident he can pull off next summer. The articles are identical with those governing the fight at Carson City, with the exception of the purse, which in this case is $25,000, as against $15,000 at Carson City. Considine agrees to post a forfeit of $5,000 to go to the men in case he fails to pull off the fight. In returns he demands a forfeit from each of $2,500.

Considine said that beside the purse for Fitzsimmons and Corbett he would offer $15,000 for Kid McCoy to go against Choynski, Jeffries, Maher or Ruhlin. Considine is to meet Fitzsimmons at Detroit Sunday, and expresses himself as confident as being able to induce the champion to write his name beside that of Corbett on the articles of agreement.

British Ahead of the French.

London, Jan. 26.—It is reported that Lord Delameno's expedition has reached Fashoda, on the River Nile, about 400 miles south of Khartoum, and at which place the French expedition under Captain Marchand was said to have arrived some time ago.

MET TO TALK MONEY.

Four Hundred Business Men Foregather at the Indiana State Capital.

MONETARY CONVENTION AT WORK.

Governor of the State Welcomes the Delegates and Appeals for the Gold Standard—Governor Shaw, of Iowa, the Principal Speaker at the Opening Session, Urging the Retirement of the Greenbacks—Few Bankers at the Convention.

Indianapolis, Jan. 26.—Four hundred delegates were present at the Grand Opera House yesterday when Chairman Hanna, of the executive committee, called the monetary convention to order. This was an increase of 100 over the number of delegates that attended the first Indianapolis convention of a year ago. The hall presented the appearance of a national convention of one of the two great political parties, the various delegates being indicated by standards bearing the names of the various states. The private boxes and loggias were filled with handsomely dressed ladies, representing the wealth and culture of Indianapolis, and the hall was tastefully decorated with national colors.

Two Governors Did the Speaking.

Two governors—Mount of Indiana and Shaw of Iowa—were the speakers at the afternoon session. Mount delivered the speech of welcome and Shaw spoke for more than an hour on the gold standard and the retirement of the greenbacks. He spoke to an audience of substantial business men who thoroughly appreciated his argument for an elastic currency based upon commercial assets. The delegates did not include many bankers, but included many men of large affairs and some of national prominence. Among those who arrived just before the convention met was General Simon B. Buckner, of Kentucky, the gold Democratic candidate for vice president two years ago. There was also General Charles Tracy, of Albany, who used to represent the Cleveland administration in the fights against free silver in congress.

Largest Delegation on the Floor.

Iowa vied with Indiana for the honor of the largest delegation on the floor, and made an impressive appearance when the delegation arose en masse to cheer Governor Shaw. There were about sixty of the Iowa delegation and there were also strong delegations from Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio. Franklin MacVeagh, who was the Democratic candidate for United States senator some years ago, was among the Chicago delegates with H. H. Kohlsaat, of the Chicago Times-Herald, and Professor J. Laurence Laughlin, one of the members of the monetary commission. In the New York delegation were such men as William E. Dodge, Henry Hentz (ex-president of the Cotton Exchange), Gustav Schwab and J. Harsen Rhoades.

Chairman Hanna Greeted with Applause.

It was 3 o'clock when H. H. Hanna, of Indianapolis, the chairman of the executive committee, called the convention to order. He introduced Rev. M. L. Haines, of this city, who offered a brief prayer, at the conclusion of which Hanna arose to introduce Governor Mount, of Indiana, who was to deliver the address of welcome. As Hanna stepped forward to the front of the platform he was greeted by a burst of applause which continued for a full minute, and which ceased only when it was obvious that the recipient was embarrassed by this cordial tribute to his personal popularity. Governor Mount spoke briefly. His speech was appropriate to the occasion and was an earnest plea for the maintenance of the gold standard.

CONVENTION PREPARES FOR WORK.

Committee on Resolutions Appointed—Not to Adjourn Sine Die.

After Shaw's speech was concluded the call was made for members of the resolutions committee to be reported at the evening session, at which time the names were sent in, five of them being as follows: Indiana, Hanna; Illinois, MacVeagh; Iowa, Nourse; Michigan, Anderson; Wisconsin, Madgeburg. Hon. C. Stuart Patterson, of Philadelphia, then delivered an address, closing with the words: "It is no time for cowardice; it is the time for courage. It is no time to retreat; it is the time to advance. Then bring up the colors to the front and march forward in the assured confidence that our cause is right and that the final victory must be ours."

A significant motion was made before the adjournment of the convention by Rhoades, of New York. It was that when the convention adjourned the adjournment be subject to the call of the chair and not final adjournment. Rhoades withdrew his motion at that time, but will renew it today. His purpose is to place it in the power of the executive committee to summon the representatives of the business community together at any time during the fight in congress when their influence seems likely to be potent. The Illinois delegation sent a congratulatory telegram to Hon. George W. Prince at Washington for the "the firm stand you have taken for currency reform in this session of congress.

The Merchants' association of New York has proposed a monetary scheme among the points of which are the following: "Legal tender notes, commonly called the greenback and the treasury notes, should be retired by the use of money in the treasury and by the issue of long time, low interest bearing bonds. National banks should be allowed to purchase these bonds and use them at par as the basis for the circulating notes, no notes to be issued of a less denomination than $10. All national banks shall be required to redeem their notes in gold coin. National banks shall be allowed to establish branches in any part of the country. By means of these branches the surplus money now in money centers can be utilized for the moving of crops and the prosecuting of general business."

Governor Scofield has appointed Judge Charles V. Bardeen, of Wausau, to succeed the late Judge Newman, of the Wisconsin supreme bench.

The Discovery of the Day.

Aug. J Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for consumption, coughs and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottle at A. H. Tillson's Drug Store. 6

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MINERS AND OPERATORS AGREE.

Deadlock in the Chicago Conference Broken and Settlement in Sight.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Ohio and Pennsylvania mine operators yesterday agreed to break the deadlock which has existed between those two states for at least seven years, with the condition that the convention of operators and miners arrive at an understanding on the other differences named in the call. This threw the burden of responsibility upon Illinois and Indiana operators, who were still at loggerheads on the mine run and double-standard systems. The operators of Ohio agreed not to allow the question of the differential between Ohio and Pennsylvania to stand between the settlement of the issues before the convention, providing the latter were all solved.

The trouble between Indiana and Illinois relates to the manner in which coal shall be screened and whether wages shall be paid upon coal as it comes out of the pit or screened coal. The southern portion of Indiana competes with the southern portion of Illinois, and inasmuch as Illinois miners and operators agreed last fall to adopt the "mine run" system it will be necessary for the latter to waive that agreement in order to pacify Indiana. This was the next point to settle, and it is believed that it will be settled by the acceptance of the double standard—mine run and screen.

The miners' convention did not convene in the evening. Word came from the scale committee that no report could be made until today. Illinois operators and miners met during the afternoon and discussed plans whereby the grievances of the operators could be smoothed over. It is understood that a committee came to an agreement to make some concessions to competing territories in Indiana, and asking for the same consideration at the hands of the Indiana people. It is understood that the scale agreed upon would be equivalent to screened rate, 66 cents, and mine run rate, 40 cents, for competing fields in Indiana.

M'COMAS SUCCEEDS GORMAN.

Maryland Republicans "Flop Together" All of a Sudden.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 26.—Judge Lewis E. McComas was yesterday elected United States senator to succeed Arthur P. Gorman. The ballot upon which he was elected, the first of the day and the eighth since the contest began, resulted in his getting 53 votes to 4 for Alexander Shaw, of Baltimore, the only other Republican who remained in the race. Gorman got 47 votes, the full Democratic strength in both houses. The break to McComas came as the result of Monday night's caucus, at which McComas was practically unanimously nominated. Ten Republican delegates from Baltimore city, and Senator Westcott, of Kent county, however, refused to take any part in the caucus or to consider themselves bound by it.

Up to the hour of noon yesterday when the balloting was resumed, no one not in their councils knew how they meant to vote. It was therefore with the most intense interest that the balloting was watched, and when the name of Westcott was reached and he, after a brief speech, changed his vote from Shaw to McComas, every one knew that the end was near and the cheering was tremendous. Speaker Schaefer was the next of the recalcitrants to come in line. Four of them—Quast, Baldwin, Short and Delacoup—stuck to the bolt to the last.

Burglars Rob a Brewery.

Springfield, Ills., Jan. 26.—Burglars entered the Anheuser-Busch Brewing company's office here some time during the night. The door of the vault and the safe doors were blown open and the safe looted. Besides a quantity of pocket-knives used for advertising purposes, various articles of jewelry and a sum of money were taken. The steel money box was carried away by the burglars.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

The rise in the Ohio river at Cincinnati has about reached its highest point.

The Ship Masters' Association of the Great Lakes is in annual convention at Milwaukee.

Judge James M. Brown is dead at Peru, Ind. He had been mayor and had held other offices of honor.

Waller leads the bike race at Pittsburg with 461 miles, 8 laps to his credit. Schinneer is next with 459 miles.

Duplan & Co., silk manufacturers of Lyons, France, propose to establish a branch plant at South Bethlehem, Pa.

Thomas F. Murray, one of the best-known railroad contractors in Iowa, is dead at Cedar Rapids. He was 49 years old.

President Dole passed through Janesville, O., at midnight en route to Washington, four hours late on account of a wreck.

The severest storm in years is now raging in the section near St. Johns, Nd. It is stopping trains, blocking the coast with ice, and preventing all navigation.

Herr Trojan, editor of the Berlin Kladderdatsch, has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment in a fortress for lese majeste in cartooning Emperor William.

The city council of Toronto has adopted a resolution that no aliens, particularly the subjects of the United States, shall be hereafter employed on any civic work.

Nineteen survivors of the suspected filibustering steamer Tillie, which probably sank off Barnegat, were landed at Providence, R. I., by a coasting schooner yesterday. Four men were lost.

Baron von Bulow, German minister for foreign affairs, denied before the reichstag budget committee that there had been relations of any kind between German representatives or agents and Dreyfus.

Associate Justice Henry Billings Brown, of the supreme court of the United States, is having serious trouble with his eyes. His sight is failing rapidly and his physicians have been unable to give him relief.

Rev. C. O. Brown, who was suspended by the Bay conference two years ago for conduct unbecoming a minister and who afterward was pastor of a Chicago church, confessed at San Francisco that he was guilty.

Some one passing a Chicago school while the children were going through a fire drill, thought there really was a fire and turned in an alarm. The engines arrived [illegible] there was a small panic among [illegible]pils.

GRAIN FEEDS THE FIRE.

Blaze at East St. Louis Licks Up a Million Dollars' Worth of Property.

GREAT ELEVATOR IS WIPED OUT.

Stored with 1,250,000 Bushels of Cereals, Mostly Corn—"Q" Shed 800 Feet Long Also Goes Up with Many Loaded Cars and the Union Transfer Stables—Nine Lives Probably Lost in the Spokane Fire—Five Certainly Dead.

St. Louis, Jan. 26.—One of the most disastrous fires experienced in East St. Louis in many years started about 9:40 last night in the Union elevator, the largest building of its kind either here or in East St. Louis, and before it had burned itsself out property to the estimated value of $1,000,000 was destroyed. The elevator and its contents, supposed to be not far from 1,250,000 bushels of grain; the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy freight house adjoining, with ten carloads of merchandise; eighty-five carloads of corn, and a number of small dwellings were burned, together with the stables of the St. Louis Transfer company. The fire was discovered by the elevator watchman some distance from the engine room. Before he could turn in an alarm the flames had got such a start, being fanned by a strong northwesterly wind, that they soon enveloped the whole building.

Called for Help from St. Louis.

The elevator had a capacity of 1,250,000 bushels and was about full of grain, a greater part of it being corn owned by St. Louis firms. This made an intensely hot fire and was soon ablaze all over, the strong wind sending sparks and burning embers for at least a quarter of a mile. Before the fire had been burning an hour the elevator and its contents were doomed and the flames had spread to the Burlington freight house to the south, about 800 feet long. All the fire apparatus in the city of East St. Louis was called to the scene, but no impression could be made on the fire and help was asked from St. Louis. Three engines were sent over and helped to keep the flames from spreading further.

Two Hundred Horses Saved.

In the railroad yards between the elevator and freight house were several hundred cars loaded with grain. A greater part of these were pulled out by switch engines and saved, but it is thought at least eighty-five cars, each containing 500 bushels of corn, were burned. Across the street east from the elevator were a number of shanties. About twelve of them went up in flames, as well as the big stables of the St. Louis Transfer company. Fifteen out of the forty-five wagons, and all of the 200 horses, with their harness, were saved. At midnight the fire was confined within the limits named, but it will be many hours before it burns itself out.

Heaviest Losers by the Fire.

The heaviest losers are thought to be the E. B. White Grain company, H. C. Haarstick Grain Commission company, and the Union Elevator company, which owned the bulk of the grain in the elevator. The E. B. White company had just completed the loading of eighty-five cars of corn for shipment to Newport News for export, and it is thought some of them are among the cars destroyed.

FIVE LIVES CERTAINLY LOST.

Four Others Are Missing—Latest from the Great Blaze at Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 26.—Five lives and probably nine were lost Monday night in the fire in the Great Eastern block fire. They were: Miss Alice Wilson, aged 18, employed as a hat trimmer; Maud Wilson, sister of Alice, aged 5 years; Miss Rose Smith, aged 20; Mrs. H. G. Davis, an elderly lady from Nebraska City, Neb., who fell in descending from the fifth story and died at the hospital; W. B. Gordan, a mining engineer and expert. Mrs. Cora Peters and daughters Ethel and Alma, aged 9 and 7 years respectively, are missing. It is also thought that her son Charles, aged 12 years, perished, but there are reports that he was saved and taken into the country by relatives.

Mrs. Davies was living at her daughter's, Mrs. J. T. Pronger. They had rooms on the fourth floor and were cut off from the stairway and fire escape. The firemen failed in their efforts to lift ladders to the fifth story, owing to a tangle of electric light and telephone wires. Pronger caught two large wires running up the outer wall of the building. He crawled down these to the fourth story and managed to catch the top of the swaying ladder. He descended to the ground and was followed back up the ladder by a fireman carrying a light ladder on his shoulder. This was connected to the large ladder.

Mrs. Pronger caught it and made it fast at the other end, and she then descended in safety. Meanwhile Mrs. Davies had tried to follow Pronger, but in the dense smoke she missed the ladder. She came on down hand-over-hand until she reached the second story. There she lost her hold and fell to the stone pavement. She was 72 years old. Rev. F. C. Davies, is pastor of the First Baptist church at Ottumwa, Ia.

None of the remains of those lost have been recovered. The four walls of the big building remain intact, and the fire is still burning in the basement. In that mass of blackened debris lie the bodies of the victims. The local board of insurance agents estimates the total property loss at $225,000; insurance, $155,000.

Illinois Legislative Doings.

Springfield, Ills., Jan. 26.—There was not a quorum present in the senate yesterday morning and no business was attempted. In the house the first nine amendments of the committee to the revenue bill were adopted. One amendment gives the board of review the power to "refuse the assessment or any part thereof."

The Ohio Bribery Investigation.

Columbus, O., Jan. 26.—The senate committee investigating the alleged attempt to bribe Representative Otis in the recent senatorial election did not hold a session yesterday. The committee adjourned to the call of the chairman and it is not settled positively when the committee will meet again.

LUETGERT OFF THE STAND.

Accused Sausagemaker Through with His Great Nerve-Test.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Luetgert completed his personal testimony yesterday. He stepped down from the witness stand shortly after 3 p. m., when State's Attorney Deneen brought the cross-examination to an abrupt close. The big defendant had anticipated another day under fire, and the sharp "that's all" of the prosecutor surprised him. The details of Luetgert's life—his morals, motives and actions—were entered into, but few of them had any direct bearing upon the actual disappearance of Mrs. Luetgert.

Asked whether or not he had employed detectives to search for his wife Luetgert said that he had not, and then, after some controversy between the lawyers regarding the production in court of certain books which the state claimed would show dishonest transactions on the part of Luetgert, the defendant was excused.

Following Luetgert came the entire police force of Monmouth, Ills., a real estate man and a daily newspaper reporter. They were shown the photograph of Mrs. Luetgert, and swore they had seen a woman who looked very much like the picture in Monmouth on Aug. 25 last. Today Mrs. Thompson, of Kewanee, will add her testimony to the Monmouth evidence, and then the defense expects to spring its most recent sensation—a man who will swear that he saw Mrs. Luetgert come out of her house between 10 and 11 o'clock on the night of May 1 last.

CHICAGO SNOW-BOUND ONCE MORE.

Snow Causes the Loss of One Life—Railway Traffic Impeded.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—A blinding snow storm which raged all day yesterday did considerable damage to this city, made trouble for street car companies and railways, and caused the loss of one life. Charles Munchy, a laborer, was repairing the top of the ninety-foot tower of the Iroquois Furnace company, when owing to the wind, which at times blew at the rate of sixty mile an hour, he lost his hold and fell to the ground. He was instantly killed. The suburban service on the railroads as well as the street railways was delayed for hours. Many trains from outside points were snow-bound, and all behind schedule time. South Chicago was practically isolated last evening, as far as railway traffic was concerned, and the towns surrounding it were in almost as inconvenient a situation.

Three suburban trains on the Illinois Central were stalled in the snow half way in from South Chicago. The suburban line of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul between this city and Evanston was at a standstill during the afternoon and evening. Other roads were in equally as bad shape. In the city the snow was so blinding that is was impossible for teamsters and gripmen to see ahead of them, and as a result there were a number of minor accidents. Of through trains on lines centering in Chicago two are reported missing. The storm was general over a number of western and northwestern states.

Lot of Ticket Brokers Indicted.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—The grand jury late last evening voted indictments upon the following ticket brokers doing business in this city. George Frank, Albert J. Geis, H. G. Cosby, B. D. Marks, George McKenzie, W. B. Johnson, W. A. Nye, E. Ullman, Lewis Stein, R. C. Davis, E. Brooks, C. S. Stout, David Wasserman and Bennett Wasserman. The charge against all of the men is violation of the Illinois law against selling tickets without a license.

New Bank Management.

Carthage, Ills., Jan. 26.—Prominent citizens of Laharpe, this county, have organized a new bank management. John H. Hungate, president of the Bank of Laharpe, has sold his bank building and fixtures to them for $5,000, and disposed of $35,000 worth of stock to citizens. Permanent organization will be formed Saturday.

The Deadlock in Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn. Jan. 26.—The Democratic caucus met again last night and took eighteen ballots. The last and eighty-fifth ballot stood—McMillin, 37; Turley, 27; Taylor, 26.

The Weather We May Expect.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Following are the weather indications for twenty-four hours from 8 p. m. yesterday: For Indiana and Illinois Generally fair weather; high northwesterly winds. For Lower Michigan—Snow, followed by fair, colder weather; northerly to northwesterly gales. For Upper Michigan—Fair weather, preceded by snow in eastern portion; colder in eastern portion; high northwesterly winds. For Wisconsin—Generally fair weather; colder in extreme southeastern portion; high northwesterly winds, diminishing. For Iowa—Fair weather; colder in extreme eastern portion; northerly to northwesterly winds.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

Chicago, Jan. 25.

Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today: Wheat—January, 94⅜c, closed 97½; May, opened 93¼c, closed 93½c; July, opened 84⅜c, closed 84⅝c; December, opened nominal, closed 78c. Corn—May, opened and closed 29⅛c; July, opened 30c, closed 30⅛c. Oats—May, opened and closed 23¾c; July, opened 22½c, closed 22⅝c. Pork—January, opened and closed nominal; May, opened $9.90, closed $10.00. Lard—July, opened $4.77½, closed $4.80; May, opened $4.85, closed $4.90.

Produce: Butter—Extra creamery, 18½ per lb; extra dairy, 17c; fresh packing stock, 11c. Eggs—Fresh stock, 16c per doz. Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9@10½c per lb; chickens, 6@7c; ducks, 6½@7½c. Potatoes—Common to choice, 52@60c per bu. Sweet Potatoes—Illinois, $1.50@2.50 per bbl.

Chicago Live Stock.

Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 23,000; sales ranged at $3.35@3.75 for pigs, $3.60@3.85 for light, $3.55@3.65 for rough packing, $3.65@3.87½ for mixed and $3.70@3.90 for heavy packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 3,500; quotations ranged at $5.00@5.45 for choice to extra steers, $4.50@4.95 god to choice do., $4.35@4.90 fair to good, $3.80@4.40 common to medium do., $3.70@4.20 butchers' steers, $3.20@3.85 stockers, $3.80@4.35 feeders, $2.15@3.90 cows, $2.60@4.50 heifers, $2.40@4.25 bulls, oxen and stags, $3.40@4.40 Texas steers, and $3.50@6.75 veal calves. Sheep and Lambs—Estimated receipts for the day, 17,000; quotations ranged at $3.60@4.50 westerns, $3.60@4.60 natives, and $4.00@5.80 lambs.

Milwaukee Grain.

Milwaukee, Jan. 26.

Wheat—Easier; No. 1 northern, 92½c; No. 2 spring, 89@91c; May, 93¼c. Rye—Higher; No. 1, 47¼c. Barley—Dull; No. 2, 41c; sample, 29@37½c.

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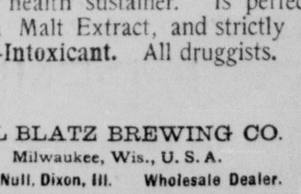
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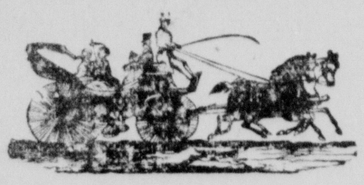
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Aberdeen Experiences and Incidents.

Quite a number of our readers have relatives and friends in Aberdeen, Mississippi, to whom the following extract from a private letter from Lawrence Kelly, which we are kindly permitted to copy, will be of interest. He says:

"I had a peculiar experience the other evening. They allow cows and hogs to run at large on the streets here. The mayor says it saves quite a lot of scavenger work and the city does not have to cut the grass. I was walking down the streets; the electric lights were not burning and it was rather dark. I had reached a place where there was no light in the store, when kerplunk—I fell on something hairy which was alive. It got up in an awful hurry and started down the street at a John Gilpin pace without giving me a chance to dismount. When we reached a light I found that I was straddle of a cow.

"Cows here have similar tastes to goats. I had a lot of white sheeting hanging around the cement walk which I put in last Monday, to keep off intruders, and when I went down Tuesday morning, there was a yard or two of it in rags hanging on the nails. The cows had eaten the rest. They must have been very hungry, though I don't see why they should be. They haven't very much to support—a large stomach and a few legs—nothing more worth mentioning.

"You would have laughed had you seen me last Thursday. I went over to a small place about twelve miles from here to look at a gravel bed. The gravel bed is about half a mile from the centre of the town which is not much of a place. The inhabitants number about 500, black and white. While rambling over the top of a hill of gravel among pine trees, I stumbled upon one of M. Quad's cane-brake razor-back hogs with a brood of young. I didn't pay much attention to the family, except to notice that there was some extra loud snorting; but when I had gone about forty feet I heard something coming behind me that didn't sound unlike a rush of wind. I turned and saw Mrs. Razorback tearing along with her mouth wide open, headed for me, and followed by her entire family. Just then I think I conceived a Jewish antipathy to pork, at least I entertained a strong aversion to being taken in by such a looking specimen. You ought to have seen me go up a tree. I right there discovered the advantage of a pair of bow-legs. O, but I never saw so large a mouth as that hog appeared to have."

PROBATE COURT.

Work Done in Judge R. S. Farrand's Court.

Robert Larson, naturalized.

Estate of Waldo F. Adams, deceased, inventory approved.

Estate of Johanna Fane, deceased, inventory approved.

Estate of Almira Fargo, deceased, executor's report approved.

Conservator's report approved in estate of Hugh Cleary distracted.

Notices to creditors in the estate of Amanda M. B. Adams, deceased, approved.

Notices to creditors in the estate of James Carney, deceased, approved.

Will of Philip Farley, deceased, recorded.

Guardian's report approved in estate of Maud Mary Baer, a minor.

Rose Rooney appointed administratrix of the estate of Peter C. Rooney, deceased.

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Will of William J. McVey, deceased, recorded.

Estate of Hoster A. Deputy, deceased, inventory and widow's award approved.

Inventory approved in estate of Josiah W. Depuy, deceased.

Maud Thomas for larcency was sentenced to pay a fine of $1, and imprisonment for one day in jail.

Thad Smith appointed conservator of Julia Smith, insane.

Letters and Postal Cards Unclaimed at Postoffice.

Miss Eva Chandler, Miss Irene Deaellen, Mrs. Grabule, J. H. McKinzie, Miss Minnie Meyers, Thos. Perdue, Ora Reeves.

Jury Decides Rock River To Be Navigable,

From the Sterling Standard.

The jury in the case of the United States government vs Nelson Maxson, returned a verdict for the government in the United States Court in Chicago Monday afternoon. The jury decided Rock River to be navigable from its mouth up to a point including that part of the stream claimed by Mr. Maxson. He was awarded $75 damages for the land along the river bank, between the Northwestern right of way and the river, and $400 damages for land which will be overflowed just east of the city. The amount will probably be sufficient to pay the expenses of Mr. Maxson in bringing the suit.

Mr. Maxson claimed the bed of the river to the center of the channel and asked $10,000 damages, for the reason that the proposed dam to be built by the government to furnish water for the Hennepin canal, would back the water to such a depth that it would render the quarrying of building stone from the river bed an impossibility.

By the decision, the title to the river bed at this point is vested absolutely in the government of the United States, and in consequence Mr. Maxson has no legal claim to the stone in the river bed. The decision also settles other important questions.

The government has practicallo won the Moline bridge case, and that city will be compelled to raise its bridge at its own expense.

One of the most important witnesses for the government in this case was S. M. Seely of this city, who testified as to the navigability of the stream in the early days of the settlement of this country from the year 1835, when the river boat "N. P. Hanks" brought seed potatoes and wheat to the farmers of this vicinity up to the present time. His testimony was highly important and had a great deal to do with forming the opinion of the jurors.

Thomas Burden, the owner of the land south of Tampico, the value of which was in dispute, was awarded $5,847.16. This amount is considered excessive by the government and probably will be contested.

The papers for the state were drawn up bp Assistant District Attorney C. B. Morrison.

Barnes' Table Talk.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Jan. 25, 1898.

The Maryland legislators still continue to do a "scattering" business.

The Ohio democratic-republicans are preparing to let go of that legislative investigation.

The Illinois legislators will eat their Easter eggs in Springfield, that is Easter '98. Easter '99 however will find a majority of them eating their eggs at home.

When the New York Journal let go of excandidate Bryan, it produced a goneness in his sixteen-to-oner that made his Mexican trip seem like a prolonged case of stomache-ache.

No self-respecting legislator was ever known to do anything in a hurry. Hurry you know brings sweat, and a legislation in a state of purspiration would lead the people to suppose that it was anxious to adjourn. I am glad to see that our present legislature has a good stock of self-respect on hand, because it will help it hang on to its job until corn planting and other poorly paid labor is through with, and I don't blame the legislature one bit. If I was a member of that body I would vote no every time a motion for adjournment came up. And the people who are sawing wood to pay the taxes would admire my nerve for voting down a motion that would be injurious to the legislature that they took such pride in electing. W. J. BARNES.

Sparrow Bounty Fraud.

State's Attorney Morris recently recovered Richland county orders to the amount of $500, which has been fraudulently given to six boys as bounty on sparow heads. The boys took advantage of the infirmity of the Town Clerk and caused him to give orders for heads that were never received. Within three days the boys received orders on the County Treasurer for bounty on nearly 25 000 sparrow heads, which they claimed to have killed. When the orders were presented the officials suspected something irregular. An investigation elicited a confession from the boys, and they returned the money to escape prosecution. Birds were cut into many pieces and decorated with feathers so as to appear like heads. The ages of the boys range from eleven to fourteen years. They belong to good families.

—The Dixon Hose Company will have on exhibition at their anniversary ball next Friday evening their Trophy Case, which will contain the World's prize on a four hundred yard run. Also the first state and third national prizes; also first Northern Illinois and second prize Northern Illinois and other mementoes. Come and see them

THE CASE OF DR. NANSEN

The Charges of Mr. Frederick Against His Veracity.

WALTER WELLMAN'S OPINIONS.

His Experiences In the Arctics Lead Him to Credit the Norwegian Explorer's Stories—Mr. Frederick's Attack on Nansen Falls Flat.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—[Special.]—As one who has been to some small degree interested in arctic exploration, with a little experience in the far north, I have often been asked if it is true that in his stories of his adventures in the frozen regions Dr. Nansen "drew the long bow," as we would say in this country. With any one who knows Dr. Nansen this question would be unnecessary. The Norwegian explorer needs no defense from me or any one else, but many of your readers may thank me for enlightening them as to the facts concerning the charges recently made against Dr. Nansen by Mr. Frederick, who was a member of the Greely exploring party. The subject is a most interesting one, even if not of vital importance.

Frederick, who is said by General Greely to be a good, faithful fellow, but who did not occupy a very high position in his expedition, has set forth a number of particulars in which, according to his view, Dr. Nansen imposed upon the credulity of his lecture audiences. One of the charges made against Nansen was that he had narrated how he and Johansen had dug down into the earth about three feet in order to make the floor and a part of the walls of their winter hut in Franz Josef Land, having no other tools than a pickax made of a walrus tusk and a piece of the shoulder blade of the same animal. Frederick says this could not be true because the Greely party, equipped with steel pickaxes and other implements, were two weeks in digging a couple of holes a foot square and a foot or two deep on Grinnell Land, in which to build the foundations for pendulum instruments.

While this was no doubt true where the pendulum instrument was to be placed, there is a difference in soils in the arctic regions as there is in the temperate zones. A loamy or sandy soil, if wet, freezes as hard as granite. It is almost impossible to dig into it even with the best tools. But at the place where Nansen and Johansen put up their winter hut the soil was gravelly and dry. The result was that one piece of earth after another could be dug and pried out. And with only the tools mentioned, by dint of hard work and patience, the two Norwegians were able to dig out a place about 5 feet by 8 and 5 feet deep.

The Bear and the Bird Shot.

Frederick charges that Nansen told what was not true when he narrated how he shot and killed a bear which had attacked Johansen, having nothing but bird shot in his gun. It is true the ice bear is a very hard animal to kill. His hide is thick, and his fur acts as a shield. Besides he is tenacious of life. Bird shot is not the sort of missile one would naturally choose to kill a bear with, especially if the saving of the life of one's companion depended upon the effect of the shot. But in this case Dr. Nansen had no choice. It happened that the only gun within his reach was loaded with bird shot. It was that or nothing. So he let drive at a distance of but a few paces. He sent a charge of shot through the bear's heart—the only spot in which they can be mortally wounded—and the animal fell dead at their feet. There is nothing improbable in this. A shot cartridge loaded with plenty of powder is as effective a missile at short range as a bullet, if the right spot be struck. Its penetrating power is great. The shot which Nansen fired at a distance of ten feet must have passed clear through this bear. Every sportsman knows the force and deadliness of small shot when used in the manner described in this case.

Frederick attempts to make a case against Nansen by saying that it would be impossible for any man to swim for half an hour or an hour in ice water, as Nansen claimed to have done in that now celebrated instance of the chase after the drifting kayaks which contained all their provisions and weapons. Dr. Nansen never claimed anything of the sort. In his book and in his lecture he describes the incident in a fair way. He does not presume to say how long he was in the water nor the distance which he swam. The chances are he was not in the water more than five or six minutes, and that he had a swim of perhaps 20 or 30 yards before overtaking the little boats which were drifting away with that which meant life or death to the adventurous travelers.

An Ice Water Bath.

That a man could live long in water which was half filled with ice and whose temperature stood only a little above the freezing point no one questions. But that men can live in it and swim in it a short time I know, because I have tried it. On two occasions while in the far north, a little farther north than the spot at which Nansen had this swim after the escaping kayaks, and in weather a trifle colder, three or four members of my party, including myself, deliberately stripped and plunged into the icy sea for the purpose of taking a bath. None of us cared to remain in a long time, and the water was undeniably cold. But a couple of minutes' immersion, or just enough to bring about a sharp reaction, was pleasant and healthful. None of us suffered any inconvenience from it and had no cramps. Therefore there is nothing improbable in Dr. Nansen's story. He was dressed, and though he had a hard swim, and was so much exhausted that it was nearly impossible for him to climb into the little boats after he had reached them, his exertions had quite as much as the temperature of the water to do with it.

All travelers in the arctics discover they can endure exposure there which in these latitudes might kill them. For instance, the writer and his party waded in ice water day after day for two or three weeks, being a quarter of the time immersed up to the knees and occasionally going in so that we were wet to the shoulders, with our boots full of ice water from morning till night, and never had so much as a cold as a result of the exposure. So, too, we could lie down and sleep after dinner in the open air, with the mercury at the freezing point in the shade, without any blanket or other covering than our ordinary clothing, and without suffering any inconvenience whatever.

Mr. Frederick's attempt to discredit Dr. Nansen is an utter failure.

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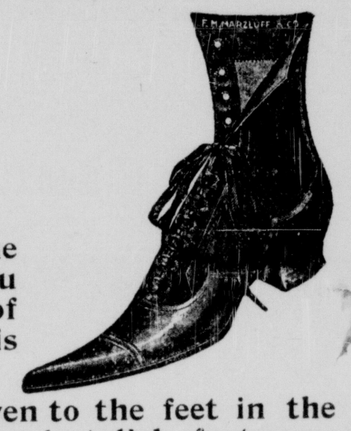
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Bible Study at the Christian Church.

The storm greatly reduced the audience at the Christian church last night, but quite a number of persons were present including some ladies.

Most of those present lived from seven to ten blocks away and testified to their interest in these bible lessons by wading through the drifts in the face of a blinding storm to avoid missing one.

Mr. Taylor introduced the exercises by reading from the seventh chapter of Acts the story of the origin, growth, and mission of the Jewish people as told by Stephen in his defense before the Elders. He then took up the history of the People of Isreal in detale. He referred to several facts brought to light by recent discoveries in Egypt, describing particularly Joseph's storehouses. He then brought out the character of Moses and his training of the head in the courts of Pharaoh and of the heart in the wilderness of Midian. The next topic was the ten plagues of Egypt.

Mr. Taylor paused to show why people become incredulous regarding the plagues when they see in them nothing more than God's anger towards Pharaoh and that the plagues were ordered for the purpose of destroying Egyptian idolatry: that as the people worshiped the Nile, the sun, domestic animals, reptiles, insects, etc., all these things were changed, obscured, destroyed or made to become pests that people would lose their faith in them as gods.

The journey in the wilderness, the giving of the law, the building of the tabernacle, the spies sent into Canaan, and the subsequent waiting for the old fellows to die off who said "can't" were presented in order. The smitten rock and the sin of Moses furnished the theme for a beautiful lesson on Christian humility. At the close the request that all bring paper and pencils was renewed.

The line of thought to be taken up tonight will be illustrated with the charts and blackboard diagrams.

The Lexington Club Minstrels.

The Lexingtons of Freeport who will entertain our citizens tonight played to the people of their home city Monday night, and were not only greeted by a house jammed full of delighted spectators, but there were nearly as many people disappointed because they could not get into the building. That the preformance was away above the ordinary is evidenced by the fact that the Chicago dailies have given it columns of space, and the Freeport Journal gives nearly a page to an account of the club and its second annual entertainment. In its general description of the performance, the Journal says:

"They gave a performance perfect in every detail, far surpassing their effort of last season, and in many respects they surpassed the best professional minstrels on the road. Freeport has been visited by about all the first class minstrels troupes, but none of them gave a better entertainment than did the Lexington club last night. It was bright and sparkling from start to finish and was a refined minstrel performane, entirely free from objectionable features, and a good deal of the work was original with the members. The arrangement were perfect, and the entertainment was carried through without any of those tiresome delays which mar so many otherwise perfect performances."

Upset and Runaway.

J. H. Anderson while on his way home at noon today drove up in front of Ripley & Long's grocery, with his horse and cutter, the snow being uneven, the sleigh upset, throwing Mr. Andersen out and the animal being at liberty, made a lively run for home, where he was met by Charlie Anderson, who drove back to town for his father. The only damage was a cut on one of the herse's legs.

Billy Link's Show,

At the Dixon Opera House, Saturday night. You will see a world beater. All along the line they all say it is like the egg in the coffee. That's settles it. More fun for your money than you ever dreamed of.

—Last evening was a terrible strain on the pluck and endurance of the carrier boys of THE TELEGRAPH, many of whom are quite small, but they made their rounds againt the blinding blizzard and through almost impassable snow drifts with the determination of young heroes, for which they deserve praise. They did not stop to play marbles or even to throw snowballs. The fact is, though there was plenty of snow, there was scarce a living thing abroad but themselves at which to heave a snowball. We were pleased in the afternoon to receive a telephone call from a lady living in the suburbs, fully a mile and a half from the office, desiring us on no account to let the boy attempt to deliver her paper last night; she was afraid he would get lost in the snow. Such kindly consideration is worthy of mention and will be appreciatively remembered.

—A Topeka (Kan.) special says: "An elaborate opinion wasrendered by Chief Justice Doster of the Supreme Court, affirming the right of Catholics to make bequests to priests for holding masses. The case came up on the will of Mary Brophy, of Franklin county, who died ten years ago leaving her property in trust to her grandson, Rev. James Collins, a priest of the Roman Catholic church, "for masses for his grandmother and grandfather's departed souls." The legality of the will was attacked on the ground that its effect was to create a trust wherein the beneficiaries are disembodied spirits in whose favor no such trust can exist, Judge Doster, in sustaining the provision of the will, declares that such a disposition of property is in accordance with law, and that to set such a will aside would be contrary to the spirit of religious tolerance, which has always prevailed in this country, and contrary to the constitution of the State, which grants the right to each person to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. 'The old spirits of intolerance,' says the court, was more than anything else what our ancestor fled from. It would be strange indeed had they carried to this country and established the very law of religious persecution from which they sought to escape."

From the Sterling Standard.

George Clark, the popular boarding house man from Dixon, was in the city Monday shaking hands with his old friends.

Charles Hey and Pat McMahon spent Monday visiting friends in Dixon. They drove up, returning the same day.

Misses Allie Scoville and Effie Schofield, who went to Dixon last week, but were kept from returning by the snow storm, returned home Monday evening.

Misses Maude and Goldie Boyer, who have been spending the past week with Mrs. Chas. Ridenour and other relatives in this city, returned to their home in Dixon Monday.

ASHTON.

Jan. 24,—Miss Flora Powelson is spending a few days at Mrs. Farreinger's.

G. R. Charters was a Dixon visitor Wednesday.

There's some talk of the boys icing the hill. Many of the little boys are offering to help

Harlow Chadwick spent last week at Dixon.

The following officers were elected at C.E. for the ensuing year: President, Miss Grace Ingals; Vice President, V. H. Myres; Secretary, Myrtle Hardesty; Treasurer, Nellie Griffith.

A. J. Nickey's baby is very sick at present writing. Its recovery is doubtful.

John Brecunier is very low. Last Friday he was attacked by the third stroke of paralysis.

Rev. Ollerenshaw is assisting Rev. Dieken's, the M. E. minister at Lanark, Ill., this week in his series of revival meetings.

Lottie Trostle visited her sister at Franklin over Sunday.

Ashton is very proud of her hill. We can boast of the best natural toboggan slide in Lee county. The heavy snowstorm of last Saturday has given a good foundation. Very few accidents have occurred on the hill.

Mrs. Cora Baxter is visiting her parents.

Next Friday evening at the home of Rev. Wright, who expects to move to Ashton in the near future, will be held a pound social. All are cordially invited.

Property Transferred.

Oliver Thompson to Katie Schaucberg, Hoags lots 17 and 18 bk 23 and Dements add lot 10 Ashton—$200.

Horace Lyon to Alwilda J Lyon, qcd, pt nw ¼; sec 33 and pt se¼, sec 29 Lee Center—$2.

Alwilda J Lyon to Horace Lyon, qcd, pt nw¼; sec 33 and pt se¼; sec 29 and pt ne¼; sec 31 Lee Center—$2.

Warner & Julien to Mary Newman, all (frat) bk 87 Dixon—$175.

F E Roger to Chas. C Smith, pt se¼; sec 10 Wyoming.

Isaiah Brink to Emaline B Clears, lot 17, bk 6 Parson's add Dixon—$1550.

Michael Maloney to D B Uhl, lots 5 and 23 Fargo add Dixon—$400.

John P Fassig to William Parker, pt nw¼ sec 3 Brooklyn $90.

L B Purinton et als to F M Spranger, Gilson's add Amboy, lots 19 and 20 bk 12—$100.

Eliza J Utley to Dixon P. & L. Co, lots 2 and 3 Mill block Dixon—$1250.

Lillian M Stevens to Ai Tuttle, qcd, lot 2 bk 14 Wymans add Amboy—$1,

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OLD MAN AND YOUNG WIFE.

A Washington Jehu Who Sees All Sorts. Weary of the Jay With a Bride.

"But of all married couples the old jay with the young wife makes me most tired. The old duffer tries to put on a dignified air when many people are around, but wait until he gets a chance to smile at his young bride. It's awful. The smile is that of a possum which has been treed and knows there is no escape. I mean that it's sickly. Half of them may be putting on with the innocent girl. Three days ago I had one of the old jays in tow. What do you do, he said to his wife? I was taking him from the White House to the [illegible] and passed by the fountain which contains so many pretty gold fish. He looked at the beautiful little [illegible] with a grin at his wife. 'Dumber than any fish in that pool,' she said, 'Oh!' Well, I wanted to size him in, but of course I was looking out for the coin.

"Here comes a newly married couple. Anybody could tell that. You see, he has his wife by the arm and is looking down into her face with an air of contentment that is enough to make my blues leave me to see. I noticed that couple coming up Pennsylvania avenue 20 minutes ago. He was holding her arm then. He will stick to the job until they reach their hotel this afternoon. He is not afraid she will escape, but he thinks that is part of a new groom's business. You see, he helps her up the steps and points out things to her. He tells her that is so and so. Nine chances out of ten it is something else. He feels that he is bound to say something. I have seen many of these young know alls point out the Corcoran Art gallery as the patent office and pass the state, war and navy building off as the residence of General Miles or as the new city postoffice. The innocent bride stares in wonder and thinks it's so. She believes her darling Henry knows all about it.

"It's very different with the man who has been married several years. He and his wife see for themselves. He stops and looks at a thing which interests him. She goes on and stops to look at something which interests her. They are generally 20 yards apart. If he tells her that a building is such and such, she disputes the point and thinks it's something else."—Washington Star.

IODINE ON FINGERS.

Treatment of the Hands of Pianoforte Pupils Who Practice.

A modest appearing young woman entered a drug store on Madison avenue one morning recently, and, walking to the end of the counter nearest the prescription department, mutely held out both hands toward a clerk who chanced to be standing in that particular place. The clerk, equally mute, reached behind a screen and brought out a blue glass bottle, from which a brush handle protruded. After stirring the contents of the bottle with the brush for a few seconds the clerk daintily brushed the tips of the young woman's fingers with the mixture, leaving a dark stain around the top of each finger nail. With a pleasant nod of her head and low murmuring thanks the young woman quickly withdrew from the store and the blue glass bottle was put back in its hiding place.

Observing a puzzled expression on the face of an old patron of the store who had come in to get a cigar, the clerk said, "Iodine."

"What for?" asked the smoker.

"Prevents the fingers from getting sore," replied the clerk. "She is from the musical conservatory, where she practices on the piano three or four hours a day. In order to prevent the finger nails from coming in contact with the ivory keys she has them cut very short, and we apply iodine to take the soreness out of the ends of the fingers after they have been subjected to three or four hours of pounding. Most piano players, you will observe, have their finger nails cut to the quick, so that no clicking sound is emitted when they strike the keys. We keep a bottle of iodine and a brush for the special use of the pianoforte pupils of the conservatory. They come in here for treatment two or three times a week and pay by the month."—New York Times.

The Mixed Menu.

The traveling men in eastern Maine have added a new story to their repertory, a Hancock county man being the subject. During the musical festival at Bangor, they say, John stepped into a Bangor hotel for dinner. Now it happened that the hotel man had leased the off side of his bill of fare to a local carriage manufacturer, who placed an "ad." thereon, with illustrations. John sat at the table. The waiter, being in something of a hurry, by mistake passed the bill wrong side out. John saw the wheels, put on his spectacles, curled his mustache with his left hand, straightened up, looked at the girl and said: 'I'll take scrambled eggs, a Bangor buggy, a couple of punts and a road cart. Got any wheelbarrows?' The girl flew.—Lewiston Journal.

The Good Die Young.

One Neighbor—Don't you ever have any fears that you won't be able to raise that boy of yours?

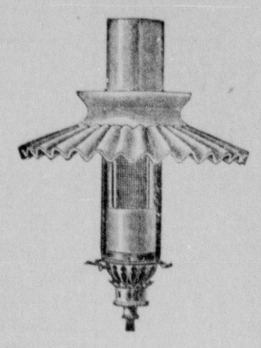
Second Neighbor—To tell you the truth, I do. "The good die young," you know.

"I wasn't thinking of that. I was wondering if you had no fears that some maddened man would brain him with an ax for blowing that tin horn all day long."—Indianapolis Journal.

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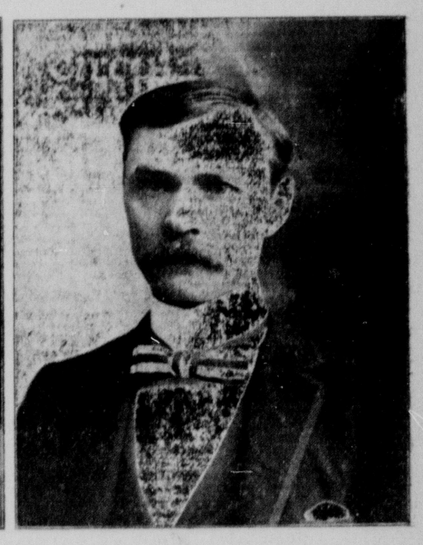
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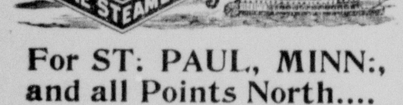
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STORY OF THE BIBLE.

HOW IT WAS COMPILED, PRESERVED AND BROUGHT DOWN.

The Records Began With Abraham and Were Collected by Ezra—It Was Born In the Little Land of Canaan—Conquered Israel's Gift to the World.

New discoveries about the Bible are being made almost daily. The religious world is startled every now and then by the announcement that some old manuscript has been found or some clay tablet corroborating Biblical history has been deciphered. The last few years have been especially notable for remarkable finds, not the least of which has been a single leaf of papyrus bearing a few sayings of Jesus—logia, as they have been called. These discoveries arouse a questioning frame of mind. We ask, how did we get the Bible, whence did it come, what was the method of its transmission to us? Learned volumes have been written, but only scholars read them. One of the latest of these is by Dr. William A. Coppinger, but it is so expensive a volume—only 150 copies have been printed for sale—that few can read it, even if they would. The much talked of polychrome Bible, edited by leading Biblical scholars of the world, is an answer to this demand. Still, the question, how did the Bible come down to us? ought to be answered briefly, so that the masses of the people can read and understand. It is irreverent to the Bible and the inspired men who gave us this world classic—the classic—dealing with the eternal theme of the relation between man and God to think of it as a ready made volume, dropped down from heaven bound and gilt edged.

The Bible was born in the little land of Canaan as the weary caravan, led by Abraham from Ur of the Chaldees, pitched its tents and the patriarch wrote down the promises of the Eternal on the palm leaves which he found at hand. This was more than 4,000 years ago, and that writing was in use so early is proved by inscriptions found on Egyptian steles or Assyrian tablets from 6,000 to 8,000 years old.

The records kept by Abraham and his immediate descendants undoubtedly formed the basis of the book of Genesis and the earlier chapters of Exodus, to be later utilized by the hand of Moses and his successors. With the advent of this great legislator of the Hebrews the nation was formed, with his legislation as its heart and center. It is probable that Moses wrote his portion of the Bible upon the linen used for such purposes in Egypt, for many large pieces of this linen covered with hieroglyphic writing have come down to us wrapped around mummies. The inscriptions are still legible. The Pentateuch was the nucleus of our Bible, the only Bible known to the Hebrews for many generations. It was written in the ancient Ibri character, closely resembling the Phœnician, as proved by the Siloam inscription discovered near Jerusalem and some ancient coins which have been found. Leaders like Joshua, Gideon and Samuel were needed in the promised land. Singers and prophets, too, arose, and the scribes of the leaders recorded what was done. The poets wrote down their best songs. The prophets' words were treasured up by their disciples and followers. The official records were kept in the national archives, and the songs of the poets and the speeches of the prophets were passed from hand to hand. When the kingdom was divided, records were certainly kept both in the southern kingdom of Judah and the northern kingdom of Israel. But much of the earlier literature was forgotten in the catastrophe of the destruction of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, and the exiles refused to sing the songs of Zion as they "sat by the waters of Babel and wept." When at last the term of exile was over and some of the more devoted Jews returned to rebuild the walls and temple of Jerusalem, the law had to be brought back to them.

Ezra was the man for this work, and he and his coadjutors, the elders, collected the scattered records of earlier days and made the first canon of the Pentateuch. They wrote it in a new script—Kethav Ashuris, the Assyrian or square character brought back from Babylon with them — and read and taught it to the people. By this time some of the speeches delivered by the prophets of the exile, the second Isaiah and his disciples, had become so dear to the hearts of the people that they were esteemed as classics. Some had preserved the addresses of the earlier prophets, and gradually a second set of accepted writings was added to the law. The older songs, too, were found again, and new singers were inspired for the service of the new temple, and the book of Psalms became its hymnbook.

The proverbs of the nation were collected by various hands. Other books were found or written as late as the second century before the Christian era. The book of Daniel, for instance, was composed to inspire a people, fainting under Syrian oppression, for the Maccabean revolution. And all this later literature was struggling for acceptance into the Bible until the canon of the Old Testament as we now have it was established in the first century of our era by the rabbinical school of Palestine. As the nation Israel sunk under the waves of Roman conquest the Jewish spirit held the Old Testament aloft as its gift to the world.—Clifton Hardy Levy in Review of Reviews.

Both Awake.

First Burglar—It's no use tryin thet place t'night, Bill. Ther man an his wife went in 'bout an hour ago, an I heerd him tell her he'd buy her a di'mond necklace termorrer.

Second Burglar—What's thet got t' do wid it?

First Burglar—Plenty. She won't be able t' sleep fer t'inkin 'bout it, an he won't sleep fer t'inkin how he's got t' pay fer it.—London Fun.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

Some Examples of the Glaring Inconsistencies of Its Alphabet.

As our alphabet now stands—even after 6,000 years of perfecting—it is a string of singularly ambiguous signs and affords an unequaled opportunity for tormentors, just as a man who cannot express himself clearly can be plagued with sophisticated questions. The confusion of English sound and letters is well illustrated by spelling coffee without one correct letter—kauphy—which spelling is nearer the original than the one in use, for a pamphlet was printed in Oxford in 1659 on "The Nature of the Drink Kauphi or Coffee."

The artistically bad orthography of many of our funny writers is made possible by the glaring inconsistencies of our alphabet. But some instances of naturally funny bad spelling are perhaps equal to any artificial ones. Here is a note that was sent to a doctor:

Cer—Yole oblige me uf yole kum un ce me I hev a Bad kowd am Hill an hev lost my Happy Tight.

The following, received by a schoolmaster, was likely to be misunderstood:

Sur—As you are a man of nolege I intend to inter my son in your skull.

Here is a bill sent to a gentleman:

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Pade—J. Jaxn.

The items are not apothecaries' articles, as might be supposed, but merely "a horse half a day and a taking on him home again."

Many eccentric devices of literature depend on the peculiar arrangement of letters. Some of these have fine sounding names and are recognized as famous recreations of the learned. The palindrome, which is a line that reads alike backward and forward, is one of the most difficult of all feats of letter juggling and has engaged the attention of the world's cleverest brains.

While in exile Napoleon was asked by an Englishman if he thought he could have sacked London and replied, "Able was I ere I saw Elba"—the most skillful palindrome on record. Run the letters of the reply backward if you would test it. A famous Latin example is the lawyers' motto, "Si Nummi immunis." The following sentence is not only a palindrome, but extraordinary in other respects: "Sator areppo tenet opera rotas."

This spells the same backward and forward; all the first letters of the words spell the first word; the second letters of the word spell the second word, and so on through the third, fourth and fifth. The last letters spell the last word; the next to the last of each word spell the next word, and so on to the beginning.—London Mail.

ENGLISH STUFFINGS.

Recipes Which the Sender Says Are Excellent and Not Found In Books.

Here is a recipe for turkey and chicken stuffing which the sender says is very different in its results from those given in the cookbooks:

Crumble or grate the inside of a stale loaf or more of baker's bread, either a round loaf or milk bread. Add pepper and salt, the grated rind of a lemon and to a loaf half the juice; to 2 loaves, all of it; a little grated nutmeg, a handful each of finely cut parsley leaves and fine white celery leaves, thyme, sweet marjoram and summer savory, using the leaves in preference to the ground, and twice the quantity of thyme as of the marjoram or savory. Mix all together, dry and fill the crops, putting all the remainder into the bodies of the fowl. As the filling is being done add small pieces of good butter, which, together with the proper basting, will give the dressing sufficient moisture.

This dressing is also excellent for roast leg of pork when you do not want to simulate duck or goose with it.

"The recipe for the good old English stuffing for ducks or geese," the sender adds, "I never see in our cookbooks and do not find it used upon my neighbors' tables. People spoil these birds with soft bread and muss."

This is the old recipe for stuffing for geese, ducks or a leg of pork:

Take equal parts of parboiled potatoes cut into inch square cubes and onions cut up. Strain dry, add pepper and salt and sage leaves crushed up. Prepare enough of the mixture to fill the pork or birds with it and to lay some of it under them in the roasting pan. Keep this extra filling under the birds. Dish it separately and serve it at the table with the rest.—New York Sun.

Pure Water and New Boilers.

The corrosive power of pure water on new or unscaled boilers was well illustrated in the city of Glasgow when a new water supply was introduced from Loch Katrine, one of the purest waters in the world which are available for city consumption. The former supply had been poor and calcareous, and old boilers were much coated with lime scale. To the dismay of the users those who had put in new boilers or new tubes found them rapidly corroding, while the old scaled and coated boilers remained as before. Those, too, who had removed every possible trace of old incrustation from their old boilers by mechanical or chemical means, intending thus to get, as they expected, the full benefit of pure water, were also badly troubled by corrosion, and even the old boilers as the scale was gradually removed by the unvaryingly soft and pure water from the lake were more or less corroded when no means were taken to prevent it.

The Awful Small Boy.

Mrs. Cakebread was entertaining some ladies at a select little 5 o'clock tea, and Bobby, who had been exceptionally well behaved, was in high feather.

"Ma," he said, as cake was being handed round, "may I have some tongue, please?"

"There isn't any tongue, Bobby."

"That's funny," commented Bobby. "I heard pa say there would be lots of it."—London Tit-Bits.

NO VITAL SPOT NOW.

WOUNDS OF HEART AND BRAIN THAT HAVE FAILED TO KILL.

Living With a Bullet Imbedded In His Heart—Persons Who Have Been Shot Through Their Brains and Survived—Advances In Treating Such Cases.

"For my own part," said the doctor, with a shrug, "I would prefer not to be shot at all, whether in the heart, head, lungs, liver or brain, and yet I have taken note of many cases recently in which persons have sustained gunshot wounds of supposedly fatal character who are still alive and going about their business."

The doctor and his companion were passing a down town museum when the conversation took this turn. Among the freaks pictured and caricatured in front of the building was a man with a ragged bullet wound torn through his heart—which organ was vividly exposed in the flaring daub—while the angel of death was hovering over him, ready to snatch him away at any moment.

"Then," said the doctor's friend, "a shot or a stab in the heart is not necessarily fatal, as it is understood by modern surgery?"

"Not at all," returned the doctor. "But, of course, we are not speaking of wounds as big and terrible as the one in that museum picture. That is apparently even worse than the thrust received by Mercutio—looks about as deep as a well and as wide as a church door. No man who has been wounded like that ever survives more than a minute.

"That man in the museum is alleged to be Charles B. Nelson, who was mysteriously shot one evening while in the company of Mrs. Edith Marguerite Staples in Washington park. The shooting occurred on a night five months ago, and the man with an ounce of lead in his heart is still alive. Whether he sleeps well and has a good appetite I am unable to say. He was formerly a cyclist of some note. Nelson's breast was subjected to the X rays, and, according to sciographs which were made at the time, the bullet lodged in the septum of the heart—the fourfold partition of muscular fiber that divides the interior of that organ into right and left auricles and ventricles. There it has continued to throb up and down about 100,000 times a day ever since that mysterious shooting, and at every pulsation refuting the old theory of medical science that the touch of hostile metal to man's heart brings death.

"The most skillful and daring surgeon on earth, if he were asked to remove the bullet from Nelson's heart, would shake his head in the negative. So this man must carry his leaden handicap as long as life shall last. Seems strange, doesn't it?

"And yet, notwithstanding what I have said, we have surgeons nowadays who do undertake and carry to a successful conclusion operations on the heart. This is done by opening the pericardium, for example, in cases of dropsy of the heart, and drawing off the fluid by aspiration. A man may have his heart punctured with the point of a knife or a needle and still recover from the injury. It used to be held that wounds of this character were invariably fatal. But a wound of the heart is not necessarily fatal, as is shown in the case where a needle was removed by Callender from the substance of that organ. Cases of like nature have been reported by Drs. Hahn, Agnew, Stelzner and others. More than 50 cases where rupture of the heart walls did not result in immediate death are reported by Dr. D. J. Hamilton, a well known Scotch surgeon and pathologist.

"The case of Poole, a prizefighter was one of the most remarkable. Poole was shot in the heart while engaged in an encounter with a man named Baker, in New Jersey, in 1855. To all outward appearance he recovered rapidly and in four days felt so well that he expressed a wish to finish the interrupted contest. Twelve days later, however, he suddenly dropped to the ground. Within five minutes he was dead.

"More remarkable still, perhaps, are the numerous injuries to the brain and spinal cord, which on first view would be pronounced fatal and yet from which the wounded persons recover. At Valparaiso, Ind., a man named Herbert J. Fish while in a fit of temporary insanity put a .38 caliber bullet through his brain, and at last accounts he was still alive and apparently getting well. The bullet, by all accounts, passed through the right and left anterior hemispheres of the brain, lodging finally in the posterior bone wall of the left eye socket. In its course the ball destroyed a large amount of brain matter. At the same time it cut the optic nerves of both eyes, destroying the sight. In some way the sense of smell, too, was destroyed.

"Many Chicagoans will remember a tragedy at the Briggs House in this city several years ago, in which a man who was shot in the brain got well. J. S. McDonnell, a well known veterinary surgeon, and his wife were boarders at the hotel. It was in August, 1887. One day there was a great uproar and excitement over a shooting affray in the apartments of the McDonnells. In the quarrel McDonnell was shot by his wife, the bullet entering the side of his head in the parietal bone above the ear and penetrating the brain. Within the next 48 hours the ball was removed by Dr. Liston H. Montgomery, and the wounded man got well. The wife at the same time shot herself in the head, but her injuries were not serious. Old time doctors used to pronounce wounds like that of McDonnell's fatal in every instance and made very little effort to save the patient. Brain injuries are most serious and most often prove fatal when they occur near the base of the brain.—Chicago Tribune.

No Fiction Either.

He—Who is your favorite writer?

She—My guardian. He signs all my checks, you know.—Detroit Free Press.

A DUEL IN THE SNOW.

The Incident Upon Which Was Founded Gerome's Beautiful Picture.

Every one has seen the engraving of Gerome's beautiful but sadly effective picture, "A Duel In the Snow." Through the mist of early morning one antagonist is lying on his back on the sward, while his adversary, leaning on a friend's arm, is slowly walking away from the scene of the encounter. Both are wearing the masquerading costume of a Pierrot. In a thicket a carriage waits to drive off with the successful opponent.

There is every reason to believe, from recently disclosed information by M. Alfred Darmon, that in portraying on canvas that impressive episode the artist was not influenced by solely imaginative caprice, but that he has reproduced a scene in real life.

The facts are as follows: The duelists were M. Jules Brame, a former minister of public instruction under the second empire, and M. D. D., a well known journalist on the staff of one of the most influential newspapers in the north of France. When the duel occurred, both were studying for the bar. One Shrove Tuesday they, in company with friends, had repaired to a restaurant on the Boulevard with a view of enjoying a good dinner and afterward of going to the masquerade ball at the Opera. They all agreed to go as Pierrots. As they all wore masks some one suggested that they should adopt some distinctive sign by which they could recognize one another in the crowd. D. D. suggested that they should pin a label bearing a number to their backs. The idea was unanimously adopted, and D. D. prepared the labels accordingly. While so doing a diabolical idea came into his head. It was carnival time. Why should he not have his little joke? When it was Jules Brame's turn to have a ticket pinned to his back, his friend D. D. had written in large letters beneath the number, "I am Jules Brame." One can easily imagine what was the result. No sooner had Brame set foot in the main passage to the premiere galerie than he was followed by a lady wearing a mask, who, on his preparing to enter a private box, cried out, "I wish you success, Jules Brame." Later on, on re-entering the passage, he was surrounded by a group of masqueraders, who with one voice shouted out, "Good day, my dear Brame." That proved to him that he was known to every one, although he was puzzled to understand how it could be.

Passing in front of a box opener, the girl burst out laughing. He inquired angrily what she was laughing at. "Why," she replied, "I am laughing at the funny idea which led you to pin a label on your back with your name on it." And, suiting the action to the word, she unpinned the label and handed it to him.

Jules Brame considered the joke not only in bad taste, but insulting. He sought out his comrade, and, finding him in the saloon, he reproached him angrily in the hearing of the crowd, insisting that he should apologize openly then and there. D. D., resenting his friend's attitude toward him, declined to apologize. A duel therefore, in accordance with French habits and customs, was inevitable. Seconds were at once chosen. Short swords were procured, and in their Pierrot costumes the antagonists started for the Bois de Boulogne. Fortunately the duel did not end fatally, as seems to be the case in Gerome's picture, for, although Brame ran his sword right through D. D.'s body, no vital organ was touched. He recovered very quickly, and the two antagonists became fast friends again.—Westminster Gazette.

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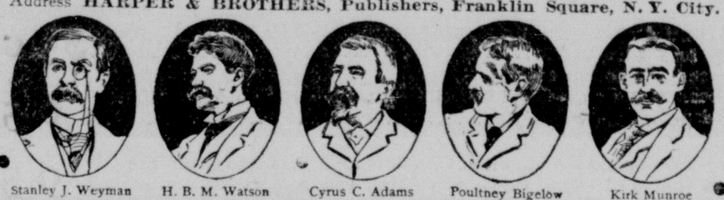
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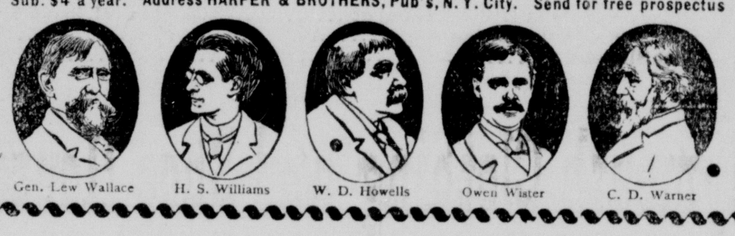
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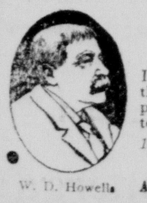
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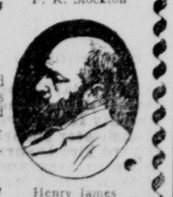
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BETRAYED BY FLAPJACKS.

A Waiter Who Can Tell a Man's Occupation by the Way He Eats.

There is a waiter in a Dearborn street restaurant who has discovered the science of reading a man's occupation by his manner of eating. He can look into the calm eye of a customer engaged in disarticulating a "ham and" and determine with wonderful accuracy whether the man is a scissors grinder or a State street merchant.

Of course one must be a close observer to do all this, and it isn't everybody that is afforded a lunch counter for a field of study. Yet if the student will avail himself of opportunities while seated at the mahogany board he will find that when the business man is at the table some habit acquired in the daily pursuance of his profession will be sure to show itself.

For an instance, the banker may come in and order wheat cakes. If he does, the waiter declares he will invariably dip his fingers in the water and run over the cakes to see if there is a miscount.

The gambler will look around to see if any one is watching and then palm a slice of bread. If he orders flapjacks, he is sure to slip them one by one from the bottom as he eats them. The clothing salesman will hold his flapjacks up to the light and feel the texture, while the keen observer will notice that the jeweler, upon ordering pie, will hold it to his ear, shake it and then listen, after which he will lift off the top crust with the point of his knife and examine the insides.

During an interivew the other day the waiter stated that he called his new science "eatistry."

"I have not mastered my science yet," said he, "and seldom a day passes but that I learn some new point. Oh, it's a great study, and I think in time it will take its place along with palmistry and phrenology and other kindred sciences."

"Have you ever made a mistake in judging a man's occupation?"

"Only once, and that could hardly be called a mistake, for I made no decision as to the man's business. I confess I was stumped. The fellow came in and ordered his dinner. Of course I gave him a glass of water. He looked at it with some surprise and said, 'I didn't order that.'

"'It costs you nothing,' says I, 'and you don't need to drink it unless you want to.'

"He thanked me, and what do you think—he broke his bread into it and then ate it with a spoon. I didn't know what to make of it, and for the life of me I couldn't determine what his business was. When he was leaving, I tapped him on the shoulder and asked him outright what he did for a living.

"'Why,' says he, 'I'm a milkman.'"
—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

AN OLD GOVERNMENT DIE.

Used by a Lawyer as a Paperweight For Years.

In the course of a lecture at the Apprentices' library A. E. Outerbridge, Jr., related an interesting incident that serves to show how much more careful Uncle Sam is in the destruction of old dies for coins than he used to be. "Some time ago," said Mr. Outerbridge, "I was visiting the office of a friend who is a lawyer, when I noticed upon his desk a little metal object, covered with three or four coats of red paint, which was apparently in use as a paperweight. It was a government die for a silver dollar of 1809, and for my friend to have it in his possession was a penal offense. He did not know what it was until I told him, and he informed me that it had been around the office as a paperweight as long as he could remember—40 years at least. I gave him a silver weight in its place and informed the authorities at Washington of the circumstance, also forwarding my friend's affidavit as to what he knew about it.

"At that time, though all dies were supposed to be destroyed when discarded, the system was rather lax, and they sometimes found their way into the possession of junk dealers. I agreed to turn over the die upon condition that it should not be destroyed, but kept in the numismatic collection at the Philadelphia mint, and that I might borrow it at a future time to illustrate a lecture. The conditions were agreed to, and I have brought the die with me tonight to show to you. I had to write a very formal letter to get it, stating the purpose for which it was to be used, and it must be returned tomorrow morning."
—Philadelphia Record.

Melting Metals.

A note concerning the peculiar phenomenon noticed in the melting of metals when under extended pressure has recently been published by H. Bischof of Wiesbaden. When a metal is bedded in a mortar of chemically pure aluminium oxide, thoroughly dried and then subjected to the necessary heat, a considerable retardation in melting is noticed. For instance, a rod of silver, which should melt at 1,830 degrees F., when thus treated will not change its form and melt together until 5,730 degrees F. Palladium, which should melt at 2,730 degrees F., shows no sign of yielding at 2,900 degrees F. It would seem that these rods of metal, unable to expand while in the powerful grip of the aluminium oxide, which contracts on heating, simply cannot melt as they would under normal conditions.

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Merchant (testily to clerk in next room)—John, send in some one with a practical education.—Minneapolis Tribune.

THE LAST.

Ah, not the first love dearest, but the last!
(So? Who can tell?)
The tides of youth, dear heart, run fast, run fast.
The buds upon the young tree shoot and swell
Reckless of frosts. Well! Well!
Why should we dwell on follies that are past?

For now, behold, the green and callow shoots
Of early spring
Are dry and withered to the very roots.
They were love's first faint perfumed offering
Taking swift wing,
Leaving a fragrant memory, but no fruits.

Let us not speak of them with smiling scorn
They have made way
For the rich bloom and fruitage later born,
And born of spirit rather than of clay,
Making our day
Glad with the freshness of perpetual morn.

Eternal? Dear, let us believe it so,
And in our bliss
Let dull analysis and doubting go.
Unquestioning, while in a rapturous kiss
Like this—my sweet—and this—
The fullness of celestial joy we know!
—Annie L. Muzzey in New York Sun.

TO BEGINNERS IN FICTION.

Good Advice For Those Who Attempt to Write Books.

Read up on United States history—you will get some useful information anyway—and see what you can do with that. Don't take your scene from France or Italy, where you have never been. Home is nearer and just as good. If you can light upon an idea which has not been done to death, or a situation unhackneyed or unfamiliar, make the most of it. New England has been so run upon that it affords material only to a few experts. The middle states and those between the Ohio and the Rockies, locally speaking, are a poor literary field, but the south and far west are not worked out yet. Avoid dialect; as a main reliance its day is done. Avoid "hifalutin," spread eagle and riproaring styles; they are of the yet remoter past. Find out what your bent is, if you have any, and what you have to say, if anything; if not, seek other pursuits. Remember that a poor story or essay is of less value than a peck of inferior apples, and that the author of a bad novel is entitled to no more respect than a shoemaker or a farmer who does not understand his business. The pioneers of our literature may have done what now seems poor work, but they knew no better then and had nothing better—they were pioneers, and as such entitled to a place in history—but nobody is going to write the history of the multifarious literary efforts of our time that come to nothing.

Whatever you do take pains with it. Try at least to write good English. Learn to criticise and correct your work. Put your best into every sentence. If you are too lazy and careless to do that, better go into trade or politics. It is easier to become a congressman or millionaire than a real author, and we have too many bad story tellers as it is.
—Lippincott's Magazine.

A Spin on an Ice Yacht.

The wind is strong and steady, and the boat glides faster and faster. Sharp exclamations of pleasure testify that the passengers are enjoying it. The speed increases. Before lies a field smooth as plate glass and level as a billiard table. For two miles it extends without a flaw. At its farther edge lies a tremendous crack filled with ground up ice and heaving black water. The full power of the wind strikes the white wings as the smoothest ice is reached, and the craft darts away at a tremendous pace. Faster, faster, she flies, till she is traveling faster than the wind that drives her. The air seems to be full of electric sparks; a frosty haze blurs the view; every hearer is throbbing with delight at the wild, free speed of it all. Before one has had time to think the crack seems to be rushing at the boat. A moment of intense anxiety, a catching of breaths, a wild pumping of hearts, then a shriek of excited joy. The good boat has flown the gap as a hunter clears his fence, has flung it behind her with never a rap, and is tearing away over another good bit as though she had no need to touch anything more solid than the cold, sweet air.—Outing.

A Greedy Little Fish.

The little fish known as miller's thumb—the fresh water sculpin—is one of the natural checks on the overproduction of trout and salmon. It eats the eggs and the young fish. It is found in all trout waters as fast as examined. It is very destructive. At an experiment once made in the aquarium of the United States fish commission, in Washington, a miller's thumb about four and one half inches long ate at a single meal, and all within a minute or two, 21 little trout, each from three-quarters of an inch to an inch in length.—New York Sun.

A Novel Plan.

When Lawson Tait, the English surgeon, and his wife were driving through the city of Montreal one hot summer morning, Mrs. Tait, observing large blocks of ice standing opposite each door, remarked, "See what a novel plan they have of keeping the air nice and cool by exposing small icebergs opposite each door."

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Jan.....				.22½
Pork—				
May.....	10.02	10.02	9.95	9.97
Lard—				
May.....	4.92	4.95	4.87	4.87

THE WEATHER.

The following is the weather forecast telegraphed us at 9:30 o'clock a. m. today from the government observatory at Chicago:

Fair tonight and Thursday. Colder in south and east portions tonight. Warmer Thursday.

WEATHER REPORT.

For the week commencing Jan. 23 '98.

	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Max	Min.	Precp
Sun.	19	26	11	27	11	.04
Mon.	9	30	26	31	2	.—
Tues.	28	28	28	30	26	.17
Wed.	11	21	—	—	—	.—
Thus.	—	—	—	—	—	.—
Fri.	—	—	—	—	—	.—
Sat.	—	—	—	—	—	.—

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$1,500 worth of Men's, Womens', Misses' and Children's good honest footwear.

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We Are Out

of some sizes in each of these lots, and have determined to close them out.

Haley & Drew,

15 First Street.

—Near Rockford a little boy played in ashes left by Postal Telegraph Company employes, who had been burning tree trimmings. His clothes caught fire and he was fatally burned. His parents have been paid $1,500 by the company.

—The Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Paul's Lutheran church is preparing to celebrate Christian Endeavor Day. They will on next Tuesday evening, Feb. 1, have a Progressive Literary Gathering, to which all the young people of the different denominations will be invited.

—A recent decision of the supreme court of Illinois makes the sheriff of each county responsible for the court house, and requires him to turn it over to his successor in good shape, The sheriff is also given the power to appoint his janitor, who heretofore was appointed by the board of supervisors.

—We are glad to welcome Chris Kelley back to Dixon again, he having secured a position with A. H. Tillson and will have charge of the prescription department. Mr. Kelley is a graduate of the Northwestern College of Pharmacy, Evanston, and is in every way competent and reliable, and we are always glad to note the prosperity of Dixon boys.

—Turkeys shipped from Rochelle to the east had gold nuggets in their crops and now the people about our neighboring city are looking for placer diggings. It may be that a gold mine will be found somewhere in Lee county south of Rochelle. We presume prospectors who can't go to Klondike will grub stake miners for work along the Kyte, Inlet and about Skunk Island.

—Willie Hill, twelve years old, who has been in jail a dozen times within two years, for various offenses, was arrested Friday for robbing a store at Leaf River Thursday night. He was caught, it is alleged, on the way home in the night with a quantity of the stolen goods in his possession. The authorities are unable to reform him, he having been arrested four times this winter, twice in the past week.

—As will be seen by his announcement elsewhere, Charles F. Furley is a candidate before the nominating convention for the office of sheriff of Lee county. Mr. Furley needs no introduction at our hands to the people of Lee county, for he has been a citizen of the county for the past 26 years, 23 years of which. just half his life, he has resided in Palmyra, where he has many friends who would like to see him occupying the position he seeks and is well qualified to fill.

—Great Britain without producing a pound of raw cotton, spins and weaves over 77 per cent of the cotton goods that are produced by other nations, while this country, producing over one half of all the cotton grown in the world, supplies less than one per cent. American enterprise and ingenuity should overcome this condition of affairs. The cotton is raised here, shipped to England, there manufactured and sold to other nations, much of it even finding its way back into the United States.

—An exchange has the following good story with a moral: One evening last winter an old couple sat before a wide old-fashioned fireplace in their humble home. A cat and a dog lay sleeping before the fire, the cat's head resting on the dog's body. It seemed a true picture of a happy family. Presently the old lady stopped knitting and said: "Jacob, just see that cat and dog, so peaceful like. Why can't we live so?" Jacob knocked the ashes from his pipe, leaned back in his chair, gave a knowing look and said: "Yes, but you just tie 'em together and see 'em fight."

—A few years ago any one to predict that Maryland would go republican would be considered a little "off," and to predict that it would go republican three times in succession and have two republican senators at the same time, such a person would be hustled off at once to the asylum. Yet such is the case. Maryland went republican in 1895, 1896, and now in 1897. A republican senator took his seat last March, and the democratic victory (?) of this fall that some of the papers talk about resulted in electing a republican legislature which will elect another republican senator who will take the place of the Democratic senator, Gorman.

—A growing tendency to admit women to membership in bicycle clubs is a sign of the times. The fair sex is on an equal footing with the boys in many such organizations, particularly in the larger cities. Other bicycle clubs, which do not go so far as to admit women to active membership, in many cases make special arrangements for their entertainment on certain days of the week or month. It is safe to say that women riders are welcomed to participate in the regular runs of at least one-third of the clubs in and around the principal cities. The girls are not slow in taking advantages of the opportunities thus offered. To keep up with the boys in an athletic pursuit compels them to develop physically and must needs have a beneficial effect.

BUY AND SELL!

AND BUY AGAIN, AND PAY YOUR BILLS WHEN DUE.

But Don't Pass by These Local Ads. or You'll be Passed By Too.

The Lexington Club's Minstrel performance at Freeport Monday night was the social event of the season and scored an immense success. Special train arrive 4:45 this p. m. with 65 people. Will be in Dixon tonight.

Billy Link's Vaudevilles. Saturday
Billy Link's Vaudevilles. Night,
Billy Link's Vaudevilles. January
Billy Link's Vaudevilles. 29th.

The soliciting committees of the W. R. C. will call on the citizens to sell them season tickets for the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Fair, and to solicit articles for the fair. 66t4

It has been discovered that owing to carelessness in binding there are a few imperfect copies of the City Directory. If you have one of these bring it to the office of the B. F. Shaw Printing Co., and receive a perfect one. They also have a few on hand for sale at $2.50 per copy, BARKER & WRIGHT. 65t3

Don't fail to attend the Lexington Club Minstrels at the opera house tonight. Bright, catchy, up-to-date songs, clever dances and funny specialties.

Arrangements have been made with the officers of the Lee County Farmers' Institute to have the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Fair furnish meals for those who attend the Institute. Dinners 25 cents, suppers 15 cents. 4t1&7t6

"Standing Room Only" was the sign displayed at the Lexington Club Minstrels at Freeport Monday night. See them at the opera house tonight,

Cutters and bobs cheap at PITCHERS. 371tf

Roses, carnations, and flowers for funerals, weddings, etc. Call on MRS. FRANK PRATT, Farmers' Club Rooms. 322tf

"Hot Stuff" Harden, Dana, Lee and Allen in their funny specialties The grand chorus of 50 voices, and Gible's celebrated orchestra will all be in the Lexington Club Minstrels at opera house tonight.

Cutters, bobs and runners of all kinds at low prices for sale by L. D. PITCHER. 51tf&341tf

Before you buy that suit, overcoat or trousers go and see the fine line of woolens displayed by A. S. FERGUSON. Office over Tillson's. Prices to suit your pocket book. 317tf

A. I. Gage is now running hacks to all trains, or any part of the city. Day calls leave at Parker's Drug Store, telephone 45; night calls at Hotel Bishop, Telephone 135. 26tf

Hacks to trains or to any part of the city. Leave orders at L. E. Edwards store, Galena avenue: evenings or Sundays at the Nachusa House; or telephone to stable on third street at any time. Telephone No. 133.

14tf URIAH STROUP.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. Rowland Bros.

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See what's the matter with your stomach.

Sick stomach poisons liver and then there's trouble. Shaker Digestive Cordial cures stomach and then all's well. That's the case in a nutshell.

Shaker Digestive Cordial is no secret. Formula on every bottle. But it's the simple honest way it's made, the honest Shaker herbs and other ingredients of which it's composed, that make it so efficacious.

Any real case of indigestion and biliousness can be cured with a few bottles of Shaker Digestive Cordial. Try it.

Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to $1.00 per bottle.

The Billy Link's Vaudevilles.

Reserved Seat Sale tonight for Billy Link's Vaudevilles, at Todd's store. Get them early and see a show worth 35c, 50c and 75c, for 15c, 25c and 35c.

THE HUB CIGAR,

A fresh 10-cent cigar for 5 cents at J. R. Pollock's, 103 Galena Ave. 94tf

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER,

At the Baptist church Saturday from 5:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m. Everybody cordially invited. A good hot supper for 20c. Come and bring your friends! 371t5

A Boy Wanted.

Blaney's "A Boy Wanted" will be here Friday, February 4th. Just keep this date in your mind for it is an A No. 1 attraction.

Chronic and Wasting Diseases of the Throat, Lungs, Stomach, Bowels, Kidneys and Geneto-Urinary Organs.

Have been Dr. Prettyman's study for years. There are cases of this kind, which through neglect or improper treatment, are beyond medical aid, but there are many more given up as hopeless simply because other physicians have failed to cure. When he undertakes a case, he does so after making sure that it is one that will yield to treatment. In placing your case under his care you will be assured of the most careful, consientious and efficient treatment. Nachusa House, Thursday, Jan. 27th.

SPECIAL EXCURSION RATES VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Home-Seekers' and Settlers' Tickets, on sale December 7 and 21, via Southern Railroad to points South. A Great System of Railways through a Great Country. Also Winter Excursion Tickets to Florida and other Southern Resorts, sold Daily, via Louisville, Ky., or Cincinnati, O., in connection with Southern Railway and Q. & C. Route.

Write for information to C. A. BAIRD, Traveling Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky.; J. C. BEAM, N. W. Passenger Agent, 80 Adams St., Chicago, Ill.; A. WHEDON, Passenger and Ticket Agent, 216 Fourth Ave., Louisville, Ky.

320 tJan1st

Delightful Relief from Catarrh.

Here is one of a thousand such testimonies The Rev. A. D. Buckley of Buffalo, says: "I want all to know what a blessing Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder is in a case of catarrh. I was troubled with this disease for years but the first time I used this remedy it gave most delightful relief. I now regard myself entirely cured after using it for two months. For sale by all druggists.

FOUND.

GLASSES in Red Moroco Case. Looser call for same at this office. 66t5

LOST

A REWARD of Two Dollars is awaiting the person that found a long Mink Boa, Monday evening if he will kindly leave the same at J. H. Morris & Son's store. 65t2*

WANTED.

POSITION as book-keeper or clerk. Satisfactory reference furnished. Inquire of LOVELAND & STITELEY. 36t3*

A COMPETENT Girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. G. W. I. BROWN, 421 Hennepin avenue. 366tf

UPRIGHT and faithful gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established house in Dixon, Ill. Monthly $65.00 and expenses. Position steady. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. K., Chicago. 361t30

WORK at roof painting. I have a mixture that will keep roofs from leaking where all kinds of paint fail. THOMAS COLE, old Telegraph Block, East River street. 210tf

HELP FEMALE—Lady with good reference to work at home in spare time can make $8 to $12 a week. No books or canvassing, work light and respectable; permanent position to right party; we furnish work and teach you free. Send 10c. for sample and instructions. THE CARTER CHEMICAL CO., 120 So. Second St., Phila. 188t74

FOR RENT.

FURNISHED rooms up stairs, or double parlors on first floor. Inquire second door north of North Side church. 66t2*

OFFICE or Sleeping Rooms in Loveland Block over Thompson's store. Inquire of LOVELAND & STITELEY. 371t6

GOOD eight room house on Ninth street, $10.00; also two good eight room houses in Highland Park, with furnace, $13.00 and $12.50; also a part of Grant's house on North Galena avenue, in fine order, $10.00; six room house one block from Bridge, North Dixon, $11. Apply to LOVELAND & STITELEY. 367t3

TWO furnished bed-rooms. Inquire of S. C. BURNHAN, 164 Monroe St. 370t3*

ROLLER Skates, ball-bearing, for rent or sale. E. R. KENT. 369t6

FRONT Room, furnished, in private family. Inquire at 410 Peoria avenue. 276tf

A FINE Combination Tandem Bicycle, by the hour. 75 Cents the first hour, 25 cents per hour after. DIXON MUSIC COMPANY. 162tf

FOR SALE.

TYPEWRITER. A No. 6 Remington that has been used less that a year and is in good condition for sale cheap. Enquire of E. E. SHAW, this office. 66tf*

160 ACRE Farm in good condition, in S. Dakota, for sale cheap or will exchange for Dixon property. Inquire of FRED HEAVENS, Dixon, Ill. 368t12*

SAFE of Mosler Brother's Make, 5 feet high 3 feet wide and 2½ deep. Call or address FRED MEAD, at Morrison & Bethea's office. 361tf*

MY HOMESTEAD PROPERTY on Hennepin avenue, at No. 307. Mrs. P. Farley, at Mrs. O'Nally's on Crawford avenue. 09tf

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for Tax Collector for the Township of Dixon, as the coming Spring election. Subject to the Republican Caucus. I earnestly ask the support of my friends. JOHN W. ANDERSON. 1-10-98

I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector of the Township of Dixon. Supject to the Republican Caucus. Respectfully Yours, CHRISTOPHER J. JOYNT.

I HEREBY announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Lee County, subject to the action of the coming Republican County Convention and will appreciate the support of my friends. M. J. MCGOWAN. d&w

WM. H. GRAY would respectfully announce to his friends in Lee County that he will be a candidate for County Treasurer at the coming election, subject to the action of the Republican County Convention.

I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Lee County, subject to the action of the Republican County Convention, and shall be glad of the assistance of my friends at the primaries. CHARLES F. FURLEY. d&w

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No. 12, First Street, Dixon, Illinois.

The Time For Inventory Draws Nearer Every Day.

And our efforts to still more reduce stock grows desperate. Values in Clothing, Shoes and Furnishing Goods for the next two weeks that we dare say their equal has never been offered the purchasing public of Dixon. Suits, Overcoats and Ulsters for man, boy or child, in this sale regardless of cost or value.

We've Got to Unload in Such a Short Time, Hence this Terrific Sacrifice.....

Men's Strictly All Wool Suits, always sold at $8.50, reduced prior to inventory to..... **$5.00**

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Men's Finest Milled Kersey and Metcalf Beaver Overcoats; in blue, black or brown, satin, silk or Italian lined; these are our finest overcoats sold at $18.00 and $20.00, reduced prior to inventory to.. **12.50**

Men's Fine Kersey Overcoats, strictly all wool, made with strap seams and and raw edges, color blue, black and brown, our $15.00 overcoats, reduced prior to inventory to..... **9.50**

Men's Strictly All Wool Irish Frieze Ulsters, color black and Oxford, our $15.00 ulsters, reduced prior to inventory to..... **9.50**

Men's Melton and Chinchilla Ulsters, extra good values, sold at $6.50, reduced prior to inventory to..... **4.50**

Children's Knee Pant Suits, ages 3 to 15 years, a beautiful selection of our entire line of $5.00, $4.50 and $4.00 Children's Suits, reduced prior to inventory to..... **2.95**

OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT offers startling values to reduce stock prior to inventory.

Men's Strictly All Solid Shoes, satin calf stock, extra good value at $1.75; IN THIS SALE AT..... **$1.25**

Men's Juno Calf Shoes, a $3.00 value, IN THIS SALE AT..... **$1.98**

Men's Cordovan, Calf, Winter Tans, Box Calf, Lustre Calf and Patent Leathers: choice of these $4.00 shoes at..... **$2.95**

Boys' Satin Calf Lace Shoes, sizes 2½ to 5½, all solid leather, at..... **$1.19**

Youth's Satin Calf Lace Shoe, sizes 12 to 2, all solid leather, at..... **$1.10**

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